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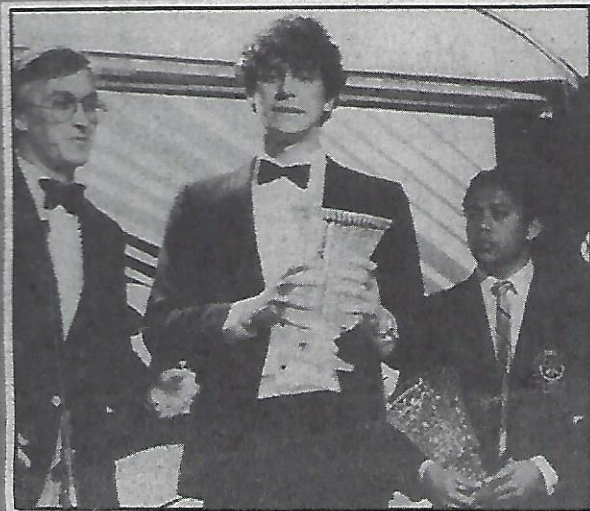
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© Manny Anezakis of South Melbourne Hellas accepts his trophy as the best player of the 1984 National Youth League Southern Division. At right is Manis Lamond, winner of the Northern Division award, and at left Eddie Thomson, coach of Sydney City Hakoah.

## Move aside Manis, here comes Manny

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Manny Anezakis and Manis Lamond were honored as the best players of the 1984 National Youth League — Anezakis in the Southern Division, Lamond in the North. "When Manis went from Canberra to Sydney Croatia for \$32,000 this year, I was thinking: 'Look at me, I'm still in the Youth League. Have I gone bad, or what?' Anezakis said this week.

But he no longer has cause to worry. South Melbourne Hellas coach John Margaritis says he has found the combination that eluded him for so long — Manny Anezakis is part of it.

Hellas now plays the same way the Socceros play under coach Frank Ark — with a sweeper, two stoppers and two full backs who push up as wide midfielders. Anezakis has joined Steve Blair as the second stopper, with Garry McDowall sweeping behind them. Bobby Russell and Angie Postecoglou on either flank.

"It's the best possible system," Anezakis says. "It's got all the advantages in the world and no disadvantages. When you attack you can have five midfielders, and when you defend you have at least five defenders."

He brings to the senior team all the enthusiasm one would expect from a player who has been with the club since he was 11 years old.

"I can see us winning every game from now on. There are no really hard games left except the last one against Juventus — and they're not as good as people say they are. We've got the best players in the competition by far. Everyone knows that." Talking about some of those players in more detail, he says of Angie Postecoglou: "He's the perfect example of the ideal soccer player. He worked his way up from nowhere to the national team. At one stage he couldn't even get a game in the reserves of our State League side. He says he wants to go to Greece and if he does, he'll make it. He's a winner. It's in his blood. When you've got that, you can't go wrong."

And Danny Crainie: "He's the classiest player in Australia by far. He's even better than Oscar Crino, although I suppose Oscar is a bit more aggressive. His technique and skill is unbelievable."



© Danny Crainie — "the classiest player in Australia by far," according to Manny Anezakis.

And Alan Davidson, presently taking a spell to settle into a new business: "I don't think he'll come back this year but a brilliant player like him can't stay out for very long. It's bad for him, it's bad for the game and it's bad for the national team. Hellas has been ringing him all the time, and I'm sure he'll start fresh for pre-season training."

Of his elevation to the senior team, he says: "It's a big relief. The hard work has finally paid off. I was thinking about accepting an offer from Heidelberg just before the end of the transfer season, but dad talked me out of it. He knew that if I played on, I'd make it eventually."

His dad is Leo Anezakis, a former Hellas president. Father and son run Lanez Engineering in the Melbourne suburb of Campbellfield.

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## NSW State League may split-p.7

# Newcastle threat to Cross, Croatia

### How they stand

The points totals so far for 1987 NSL membership:

90.0	Syd. Croatia
86.3	Syd. Hakoah
83.1	H'berg-Alex
82.5	B'wick-Juve
76.5	Syd. Olympic
71.0	Foot JUST
70.5	S. Melb Hellas
68.4	Marconi
63.6	Adel. Juventus
58.4	P. Makedonia
55.4	St. Geo.
54.6	APIA-L/hardt
49.9	Melb. Croatia
46.9	Geo. Cross
45.4	Newc.-Rose
44.3	Adel. Hellas
39.0	Blacktown
38.2	Brisb. Lions
37.5	Wollongong
29.1	Inter-Monaro
26.6	C'herra-Olymp
24.5	Green Gully
20.8	Brisbane City
10.9	C'bury-M'ville

Newcastle-Rosebud's victories over Marconi (3-2) and Wollongong (4-1) over the past week, have put Melbourne Croatia and Sunshine-George Cross in peril.

Newcastle will qualify for the 14-team NSL next season if it finishes at least in fourth position.

If it does, it will displace either Melbourne Croatia or George Cross, on projected results over the final four rounds.

Adelaide Hellas almost certainly will be among the 10 clubs to be axed.

Its massive recruiting campaign at the start of the season will come to nothing following Hellas's 1-2 loss to Brisbane Lions last weekend. To qualify, Hellas must make up at least one place on the ladder but it trails Makedonia by three points and also has an inferior goal difference.

Footscray JUST faces two crucial matches against Brunswick Juventus and Heidelberg-Alexander. If it loses them both, JUST could be the victim of the most sensational development of the season.

Although it looks comfortable at the moment, JUST could fail to qualify if it dropped to sixth place. For that reason, coach Dragoslav Sekularac, the committee and the players are viewing the final few weeks as the most desperate of the season.

Membership of the 14-team NSL next season will be determined according to a formula that awards points for crowd support, placings in this year's competition and placings over past seasons in the NSL.

Crowd support accounts for 10 per cent, 1986 placings for 50 per cent and past standings for 40 per cent of the total points.

Clubs with a poor past performance total need to finish high up the ladder this year, to compensate. That is the case with JUST, which has only 12.2 points for past performance, Newcastle (10.0) and George Cross (13.3).

If Newcastle climbs to fourth position — and it has excellent chance because its remaining matches are relatively easy — its total points will be boosted to over 49. That would mean George

Cross would have to climb to at least fifth place to stay ahead of Newcastle. Melbourne Croatia also would be threatened.

Here are the remaining matches of the clubs involved in the battle for the bottom four positions among the top 14. We have included also the remaining matches of Footscray JUST due to the unique position in which it finds itself.

as well as the matches of clubs which would have to drop if others are to rise:

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD v. Blacktown (away), Canterbury (home), Inter-Monaro (a), St. George (h). Likely minimum points gained: 5.

GEORGE CROSS v. Melb. Croatia (h), Makedonia (h), Brisbane City (a), Adelaide Hellas (h). Likely Minimum points gained: 5.

MELBOURNE CROATIA v. George Cross (a), Brisbane C (h), Adelaide Hellas (h), Green Gully (h). Minimum pts: 4.

ADELAIDE HELLAS v. Adelaide Juventus (h), SM-Hellas (a), Melbourne Croatia (h), George Cross (a). Minimum pts: 2.

APIA v. Wollongong (a), Marconi (h), Blacktown (a), Canterbury (h). Minimum pts: 4.

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# Melita to slip up?

Melita Eagles haven't scored in their two games this year against Wollongong Macedonia and things shouldn't change when they clash in the NSW State League this weekend at Melita Stadium.

Wollongong Macedonia held Melita during the Ampol Cup to a 0-0 draw then scored an upset 1-0 win over the Eagles at Berkeley earlier this year.

I cannot see Macedonia repeating its victory but the side is quite capable of taking a point from Melita.

Foxman, Farnsworth and Dalton will have to work overtime for goals with Farrugia having to overcome the speed and tenacity of Wellbourne in midfield.

Fairly Meadow will have its work cut out at Mona Park with Uruguayan Auburn fielding a full-strength side.

Frazer Cuba will be the man to watch in his new role up front with Carrizzo, Mosquero and Perdomo adding South American flair in midfield.

It is difficult to see Meadow being able to penetrate the strong Uruguayan defence.

Last year Fairly Meadow lost at home to Auburn 0-1, but won 1-0 away from home. At Corimal earlier this year Fairly Meadow lost 0-1. I fear that the visitors might be struggling to repeat the scoreline in last year's visit to Mona Park.

Manly Warringah and Freshwater will continue their war over the North Sydney Premiership when they meet at Cromer Park. Manly has a slight edge over its rival.

The 1-1 draw at Narrabeen earlier this year only strengthened the belief that these sides are fairly evenly matched. Perhaps another draw is in store for them at Cromer Park.

By ALEX VESIC

Paul Marshall, Robbie Stuart and Jim Campbell hold the key to success if they overcome the speed and tenacity of Driene, Watt and Speranza. Alex Bottalico and Peter Tkachuk could be the men to surprise the home side.

Despite Ku-Ring-Gai's better recent record, it is difficult to see it getting more than a draw against Sutherland this weekend.

Nile and Bass for Ku-Ring-Gai and Hill and Hughes for Sutherland might disagree with my prediction, but they must agree that the defences are the strengths of both sides. From that viewpoint, one can fairly confidently tip a goalless draw.

Ilinden and Avala clash at Hurstville. It's a do-or-die match for Ilinden as it tries to keep its place in the top four while Avala is battling to reach eighth spot and keep its place in Stage League next year.

Both sides have a lot to prove. Ilinden has signed professional players from Yugoslavia as has Avala. However, Tortevski and Nasteviski have proven themselves in the NSW State League while Avala's imports have performed inconsistently with Filipovic the only bright spark so far.

Penrith City and Polonia are involved in a really tough match for that previous number eight spot in the league and neither side can afford to drop two points.

Polonia has the better forward line but is prone to presenting its opponent with gifts.

Penrith will not be too worried about the way its goals will come as long as they come.

Penrith beat Polonia 3-1 at Chopin Park but will have to work overtime to repeat the scoreline at Cook Park.



## Air Malta player of the year award

No further list of leading players will be published. The winner will be announced at the "Soccer Action" Player of the Year dinner to be held at the Fraternity club in Fairly Meadow on October 11.

### Skypak State League Standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	9	7	3	35	11	25
MANLY WARRINGAH	9	7	3	23	10	25
KU-RING-GAI	8	8	3	21	14	24
SUTHERLAND	9	5	5	23	16	23
Rock, Ilinden	9	4	6	32	22	22
Macedonia	7	8	4	14	12	22
Uruguayan	5	9	5	16	19	17
Freshwater	7	3	9	30	33	17
Polonia	5	6	8	22	30	16
Avala	5	5	9	19	30	15
Penrith City	6	2	11	27	43	14
Fairly Meadow	2	2	15	17	39	6

FRESHWATER 1 (Woods 0-9 59th), URUGUAYAN AUBURN 2 (Mosquero 17th, Woods 25th) at Narrabeen Fitness Camp.

FRESHWATER Smith 5 — Watt 8, Sterry 7, J. Bottalico 6, Cassa-chia 5 — Burke 5, Tkachuk 5, Duckling 5 — Driene 6, A. Bottalico 6, Corrigan 5 (Speranza 70th).

URUGUAYAN Rosano 7 — Woods 8 (Vecchiotti 86th), O'Donnell 9, Hastie 8, Tomasch 8 — Mosquero 6, Genc 6, Van Helden 6 — Perdomo 7, Calcaterra 6, Carrizo 6 (Pinz 81st).

AYALA 2 (Filipovic 50th, 80th) SUTHERLAND 2 (Meades 83rd, Lerond 85th) at Knight Park.  
AYALA Thurlow 7 — Blackburn 6, Brown 7, Stevens 7, Divani 6 — Blazic 7, Blagovcic 6, Jeffery 7 — Radak 7, Filipovic 9, Marino 7.  
SUTHERLAND Burchmore 8 — Cashman 6, Terry 6, Burrows 6, Lerond 7 — Parsons 5, Meades 7, Harrington 6, Johnston 5 — Hughes 5, Hill 5.

FAIRLY MEADOW 0 MELITA EAGLES 4 (McFadden 46th, Williams 51st, Farnsworth 62nd, Farnsworth 72nd) at Corimal.  
FAIRLY MEADOW Krajnovic 6 — Maguire 6, Douglas 6, Beringer 7, Burleigh 5 — Dummett 7, Richardson 6 (75th Bell), Baker 6 (50th Caro 5) — Marjanovic 7, Kerr 6, Kirwan 7.

MELITA EAGLES Pupovac 6 — McCoy 8, Wilson 6, Gregson 6, Williams 7 — Callanan 8, Farrugia 9, Farnsworth 7 — McFadden 7, Foxman 8, Dalton 5 (Meerban 46th, 71).

POLONIA 1 (Drys 14th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Darlington 2nd, Nasteviski 71st) at Chopin Park.  
POLONIA Anderson 7 — Chou 7, Kulwicki 6, Robertson 7, Geekie 6 — Sobczyk 7, Drys 8, Mahamah 6 — Drys 6 (Coluso 72nd) — Janic 6, Pop 5 (Lucchesi 62nd).

ILINDEN Berry 7 — G. Wilson 7, Pilovski 7, D. Wilson 8, Rodas 8 — Tortevski 8 (Dagney 63rd), Harrington 8, Jones 22nd, 62nd, Nasteviski 7 — Genovese 8, Risteviski 7.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 2 (Robinson 34th, Bingham 55th) PENRITH CITY 1 (Hunter 75th) at Berkeley Sports Ground.  
MACEDONIA G. Robinson 8 — Muzik 7 — Kevinski 8, Sweeney 7, Ruskin 8 — Wellbourne 8, Bingham 8, Sattin 7 — Tale 6, Robinson 7, Giraldi 7.

PENRITH CITY Edwards 7 — Hutton 8, Campbell 7, Hebb 7, Shaw 7 — Jamieson 7, Thompson 6, Cross 6, Quarmby 8 — Martinez 6 (Hunter 60th, 81), McLeod 6.

KU-RING-GAI 1 (Grome 68th) MANLY WARRINGAH 0 at Parklands.  
KU-RING-GAI Lacey 8 — Kevinski 7, Bertram 9, Watson 7, Goldworthy 6 — Quilty 7, Williamson 8, Groom 7 — Sutherland 7, Bass 5, Nile 7 (80th Ferguson).

MANLY WARRINGAH — Marshall 7, Dean 7, Campbell 7, Stuart 7 — Allan 6, McIntosh 5.

Second Grade results: Fairly Meadow - Melita Eagles 0-2, Polonia - Uruguayan 2-1, Kurungai - Manly Warringah 0-0, Avala - Sutherland 2-2, Polonia - Ilinden 2-0, Macedonia - Penrith 2-1.

Third Grade results: Fairly Meadow - Melita Eagles 0-8, Freshwater - Uruguayan 2-4, Kurungai - Manly Warringah 1-4, Avala - Sutherland 2-2, Polonia - Ilinden 1-3, Macedonia - Penrith City 1-3.

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the State League's top scorer netting the winning goal.

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# Sharks bite twice in two minutes



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Melita Eagles took over the reins in the Skypak NSW State League following round 19 of the premiership race after Manly Warringah failed against Kurungai at Parklands.

Sutherland, Kurungai, Manly and Melita are separated by

just one point but I've got a feeling that Melita might win the trophy with its free-flowing type of game.

### Heart attack

Jim Scano, Freshwater's long serving secretary, suffered a heart attack as the two sides left the park at Narrabeen Fitness Centre at full time.

Uruguayan was much the better side during the opening period. As early as the fifth minute, Mosquero was in the clear following an error by Sterry. With the net at his mercy, Mosquero blew the chance.

Mosquero made amends minutes later when a free kick by Hastie was brilliantly headed by Calcaterra to the feet of Mosquero who sidefooted his shot wide of Smith.

Brett Woods made it 2-0 with a 25 metre drive but Smith must take the blame for the ball went through his arms.

Then Woods turned one in the Freshwater from a free kick by Richard Burke to give the home side a chance but the strong Auburn Uruguayan defence held firm.

### Knight Park jinx

In 10 matches at Knight Park this year Avala has only won two.

Against Sutherland, the home side, at long last, looked safely home after Zoran Filipovic netted twice during the second period, after 20 and 80 minutes. With only seven minutes left, Avala led 2-0 and looked by far the better side.

Sutherland performed so poorly up till then that not even coach John Lavin expected a result. Then, out of the blue came Sutherland with a two-goal burst with the first hotly disputed by Avala.

Steve Meades scored from a free kick just outside the box with the Avala players quite happy to see the ball hitting the net from what felt was an indirect free kick. But the referee pointed to the centre and the scoreline stood at 1-2.

Only two minutes later, Greg Lerond sneaked one past Thurlow to make it 2-2 with the Avala players still complaining about the first goal!

### Meadow hammered

Fairly Meadow held its own against Melita at Corimal during the first period and if anything looked a shade the better side. Then came a swift Melita attack almost from the opening whistle for the second half which netted Melita its first goal and the wheels, once again, fell off for Fairly Meadow.

Farnsworth to Callanan to Meerban to Farrugia was the build up to the first goal. A cross by Foxman who laid it on for Paul McFadden saw him

having little trouble in scoring from three metres.

Krajnovic made a couple of good saves two minutes later but in the 51st he was beaten again by Farrugia found Williams and the Melita fullback wasted little time in taking a shot which looked well covered by the keeper. However the ball took a bad bounce and went over the keeper and into the net.

Petar Marjanovic had an ideal chance at the other end but his shot went wide with only the keeper to beat. Only three minutes later, Marjanovic was through again to face the keeper but was brought down by Gregson. Paul Kirwan took the resultant penalty but his shot hit the post!

Four minutes later, the locals paid dearly for that miss. A shot by Foxman was blocked, then a shot by Callanan was blocked but Melita star Farrugia found the net with his accurate shot to make it 3-0.

Farrugia also was involved in the last goal after some good work by McCoy and Meerban. A cross by Meerban went to Farrugia who dragged defenders with him to pave the way for Farnsworth to score.

### Polonia in strife

Ilinden returned to winning form at the expense of Polonia at Chopin Park last Sunday with Zlatko Nasteviski,

the State League's top scorer netting the winning goal.

Polonia needed at least a point to stay in the league while Ilinden needed both in its drive for a top four position.

The home side received a setback two minutes into the game as Jimmy Risteviski made the break beating Chou on the sideline before crossing for Paul Darlington to score from close range.

Jurek Drys replied for Polonia in the 14th from a free kick by Henek Sobczyk. Drys was unattended on the 16-metre line and his shot gave Berry no chance.

The game saw-sawed from then on with Ilinden looking far more positive in attack. And in the 71st minute it was rewarded with a Zlatko Nasteviski special. Tony Genovese beat two players in his drive towards the area but was tripped up outside the box.

Nasteviski licked his lips in anticipation as the home side lined up its defensive wall and his free kick gave Anderson no chance.

Polonia came back and fought desperately for the equaliser but it was all too little and too late.

### Ian Hunter

Wollongong Macedonia laid the foundation for this hard fought win with an exceptional first half performance.

Paul Giraldi, John Bingham and Barry Robinson had chances before the home side got onto the scoresheet. Robinson's solo effort found the Macedonia striker inside the area and his power laden drive left Edwards stranded.

Bingham was not satisfied with the result and pleaded with his players to go on and crush Penrith by a few more goals. And Bingham was soon to celebrate with yet another goal after 10 minutes of the second half. Bingham was the scorer and the result seemingly was beyond doubt.

Ian Hunter came on for Hector Martinez immediately after and the home side could not cope with the former Australian youth representative.

Hunter tore holes in Macedonia's defence, then grabbed a fine goal with 15 minutes left to set the stage for a great finish.

Penrith attacked with zest and gave the locals a scare on more than one occasion but could not further its cause.

### Groomer strikes

Nigel Groomer could be known as the Premiership decider at the end of round 22 and I think he might even get a letter of thanks from Melita Eagles.

It was Groomer who chimed in to find Mark Nile on the right flank in the 68th minute. As Nile fought his way down the flank, Groomer raced forward to accept a return pass and hammer his shot wide of Catlin to give his side a narrow but well-deserved victory.

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## NSW SKYPAK STATE LEAGUE PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

**STATE LEAGUE, Round 21 (Sunday, 24.8.86)**

MELITA EAGLES — WOLL. MACEDONIA, Melita Stadium  
URUGUAYAN — FAIRLY MEADOW, Mona Park  
MANLY WARRINGAH — FRESHWATER, Cromer Park  
KU-RING-GAI — SUTHERLAND, Parklands  
ROCK ILINDEN — AVALA, Hurstville  
PENRITH CITY — POLONIA, Cook Park

**DIVISION II, Saturday, 23.8.86**

CANTERBURY — CAMPBELLTOWN, Bick Oval  
KINGSFORD — GLADESVILLE, Turruwul  
DEE WHY — YUGAL, Dee Why Oval

**Sunday, 24.8.86**

LEBANON — NTH BANKSTOWN, Jensen Oval  
BATHURST — QUEENS PARK, Proctor Park  
ARTARMON — BLACKTOWN, Artamon Reserve

**DIVISION III, Saturday, 23.8.86**

BONDI MARINE — ROOTY HILL, Waverley Oval  
MOOREBANK — WEST UNITED, Hammondville  
UNI OF NSW — GRANVILLE CHILE, Little Bay Oval

**Sunday, 24.8.86**

CAMPBELLTOWN — KING TOMISLAV, Bensley Rd  
MT DRUITT — PORT HEDLAND, Popondetta Park  
NTH RYDE — BAULKHAM HILLS, Magdala Park

**STATE LEAGUE, Round 22 (Sunday, 31.8.86)**

MELITA EAGLES — PENRITH CITY, Melita Stadium  
WOLLONGONG — URUGUAYAN, Berkeley Sports Ground  
FAIRLY MEADOW — MANLY WARRINGAH, Corimal Memorial Park  
FRESHWATER — SUTHERLAND, Narrabeen Fitness Camp  
ILINDEN — KU-RING-GAI, Hurstville Oval  
AVALA — POLONIA, Knight Park

**DIVISION II, Saturday, 30.8.86**

ARTARMON — CANTERBURY, Artamon Reserve  
CAMPBELLTOWN — KINGSFORD, Lynwood Park  
QUEENS PARK — DEE WHY, Erskineville Oval

**Sunday, 31.8.86**

GLADESVILLE — LEBANON, Pioneer Park  
NTH BANKSTOWN — BATHURST, Potts Park  
YUGAL — BLACKTOWN UTD, Bick Oval

**DIVISION III, Saturday, 30.8.86**

UNI OF NSW — CAMP GUNNERS, Little Bay Oval  
KING TOMISLAV — MT DRUITT TOWN, Croatian S/G

**Sunday, 31.8.86**

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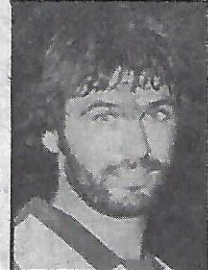




# Maclaren: Gardiner has made Cross great

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Don Maclaren of Sunshine-George Cross, used to be coached by Dragoslav Sekularac.



John Gardiner

That was in 1978 when Sekularac coached the new York Eagles in the American Soccer League, and Maclaren played as striker or on the wing. "I used to be fast," says Maclaren.

His origins as a forward put him at odds with George Cross coach John Gardiner, a former midfielder and later sweeper.

"I've had a few differences of opinion with John," he admits. "I feel we're a better team than we lead people to believe. We're very good defensively but we don't exploit our attacking ability as much as we should. We use only two, at the most three forwards, whereas we could draw more men forward and develop a different style. I reckon we've drawn a lot of games we could have won, although I suppose we also drew a few we could have lost. But apart from that, Gardiner is one of the best coaches I've dealt with, and he's a good guy."

He also Scottish, which helps. Maclaren didn't get along with Doug Collins, so he decided to leave Canberra when Collins joined. "I'd been used to better coaches, like Atti Abonyi, George Murray, John Brown and Vic Fernandez," says Maclaren. "I didn't like Collins' aloof and arrogant attitude. What's more, he was English. I don't mind taking it from Gardiner, but not from an Englishman."

Needless to say, Maclaren is a Scot. He played for Hearts of Midlothian as a professional from the age of 16, and for Dunfermline after returning from his six-month stint with the New York Eagles.

"Seki was a great forward, and he's a good coach. He was a charismatic figure in the States, but I had communication problems in the team. Only four guys could speak English," Maclaren says. "I ran into him here a while ago, and we shook hands and he smiled but I don't think he knew what I was trying to get across to him."

Sekularac, coach of Footscray JUST, can't speak Eng-

lish either. Incidentally, Maclaren's team-mates in the US included Peruvian international Ramon Mullen and Paraguayan star Pedro Molinos. Just as Maclaren was leaving, Brazilian international Edu was signing up.

In Scotland, Maclaren played alongside Jim Cant (Canberra, Marconi, Hakoah) and John Stevenson (Hakoah, SM-Hellas, George Cross) at Hearts, and Alex Robertson (Hakoah) at Dunfermline. He played against Willie Murray (Woolongong) and Tom Steven (ex-APIA) who were with Hibs. And his brother Ross, who was a guest player with George Cross a couple of seasons ago, recently was voted Derby County's Player of the Year. Derby has been promoted from the English Third Division and Ross Maclaren is tipped to be the next captain.

Don Maclaren was prompted to come to Australia by Jim Cant. "Jim got together with the Canberra president, Charlie Perkins, and next thing I know, there's a plane ticket waiting for me — unknowns to the coach, Vic Fernandez, who was marked for the bullet."

Canberra was getting crowds as high as 5000 at the start, and enjoyed an extremely good season with players like the O'Shea brothers, Richard Wilson, Harry Williams, Sebastian Giampolo and Terry Byrne. "Then rugby league and basketball started taking a lot of supporters away which is a shame because the facilities at Bruce Stadium are tremendous," he says.

Getting back to George Cross, he has no doubts that John Gardiner is the man behind the club's success. "He's taken the team from nothing to the edge of the top five last season, and I'm sure we'll be in the finals this year," he says. "But credit also has to go to the boys who have worked so hard to get the results."

"Unfortunately, we haven't had anyone to put the ball into the net regularly. "Carl Gilder is the best target man in Australia at show-

ing for the ball and holding it, he's not a scorer, and we've had no-one able to work off him properly. We had Ossie Latif last year, but the club sold him and we've been missing him. Noel Mitten's been playing alongside Gilder but he's more of a winger and he's not the fastest Mark Lennon's very fast, but he's been in and out of the team. I hope our new player, Andy Edwards, will do the job when he recovers from injury. I've seen some videos from England and he's scored some cracking goals. He's an Alan Evans type." (Evans is the former South Melbourne Hellas star).

Maclaren has high regard for goalkeeper Sean Keogh who came into the team when Lou Kastner was injured. "It was unfortunate for Lou, but Keogh has done a fantastic job, making tremendous saves even without the penalties he's stopped."

"And we've got a few in reserve yet, like Andrew Marth, who could be playing right back next year. Tom Markovski, John's older brother, also could force his way into the team."

The George Cross youth team is on top of its ladder, and for that Jimmy Rooney deserves most of the credit. He coaches the youth team and also helps Gardiner with the senior side.

"Gardiner tends to concentrate on not letting the opposition score," Maclaren says. "Rooney is the exact opposite. He says if you lose two goals, you simply score three. They make a good combination."

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## Move aside Manis, here comes Manny

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Manny has learned every aspect of the business. He worked in the machine shop, he did mechanical engineering at RMIT and now he's handling the administration. When Manny turned 21 last month, Leo presented him with a reward for his dedication — a Porsche 911.

Margaritis had problems galore after joining Hellas from Juventus, which he guided to the 1985 national championship. He had to replace players who had left, there were injuries, there were suspensions, there was a readjustment of playing styles. There was the McKendry hangover — the residual influence of the previous coach, which however, lingered for not much more than a month, according to Anezakis. "Some were upset that McKendry had gone, but I didn't really care," he says, "because I knew I had a better chance under John Margaritis. Under John I've already played six senior games."

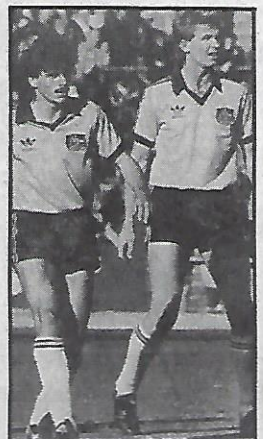
Margaritis also was the centre of a much-publicised move against him, apparently prompted by the impression a player gave chairman Chris Christopher over lunch one day. It led to a dressing-room showdown between coach and players, and too much soul-searching at committee level, but Margaritis emerged with his head held high. "John deserves a lot of credit. He handled it incredibly well. He was brave, and he came out of it as a professional and with his dignity intact. He didn't let the media spread the rumour that he'd been sacked. He didn't let it affect his coaching," Anezakis says. Clearly, he has a high regard for Margaritis, whom he has known most of his life. "He's so much like Dad that it's uncanny. Their voices are identical, their thoughts are alike. They were born in the same place in Greece, they grew up together, they came here together, they've been friends forever. It's incredible."

It was before a game against Brisbane Lions in Brisbane that Margaritis first indicated to Manny Anezakis that he was considering a two-stopper system. He didn't try it that day, but when Stuart Stevenson was suspended the following week, against Adelaide Juventus, Margaritis decided to fill the vacancy with Anezakis, and give the system a go. The result was a 1-1 draw. The following week, with the same system, Hellas beat Makedonia 2-0 in the mud and slush of Connor Reserve. Next came a 1-0 victory over Croatia.

"In the first two games, our goalkeeper, Peter Laumets, had only two or three shots to save," Anezakis says. "The opposition just wasn't able to get through." There were worrying moments against Adelaide Juventus, however. "I was marking Joe Mullen and Steve Blair was on Steve Maxwell," he says. "But then they pushed Charlie Villani up as well, and it took us five or 10 minutes to reorganise. Finally, Bobby Russell dropped back to pick up Villani and everything was OK. That confusion will never happen again."

"In the first half, I copped an elbow from Mullen and I saw stars. I thought I had concussion. At half time, some players told me to come off but there was no way I was going to throw in the towel. I had to prove to myself that I could make it."

Anezakis started with Hellas along with Angie Postecoglou, George Kanesoulis and Greg Kassidas, all aged 11. In 1984, all four were in the Hellas team that



Angie Postecoglou with Soccerco team mate Robbie Dunn (right). Postecoglou and Anezakis were Hellas team-mates at the age of 11.

beat Melita Eagles 3-2 in the national youth final at St George Stadium in Sydney. Anezakis was the captain. "We went down 1-4, came back at 1-1, went down 2-1, came back to 2-2 and then won 3-2," he remembers. "It was the best game of my life."

And it made up for all those losses in the junior leagues. "Hellas was always second or third behind Port Melbourne. We just couldn't get the better of Peter Tsolakis, Joe Palatsides, Aki Kotzamilchalis and Mehmet Durakovic, the Port Melbourne stars," he says. "Later, at under 16 level, they were joined by Andrew Zinni and Mike Petersen, which made them even stronger." Tsolakis now plays for Heidelberg-Alexander, Palatsides, Durakovic, Zinni and Petersen for Juventus and Kotzamilchalis for Polonia.

The first championship for Anezakis came in 1982, when he and Postecoglou played in the Hellas side that won the Victorian State League reserves title. It was the following year, 1983, that both of them made their senior debut in the State League. (Hellas, which had taken over Hakoah, had a State League side as well as its NSL team. Postecoglou came in first, against Juventus, but was dropped the following week, creating a vacancy for Anezakis against George Cross. Postecoglou returned the following week and they were regulars for the rest of the season — Anezakis at centre-back, Postecoglou in midfield or at full back. Jim Armstrong, still the all-time top scorer of the State League, was their coach.

Surprisingly, neither Anezakis nor Postecoglou represented Victoria as juniors. "We used to make the regional sides, but we didn't have that feeling of soccer being No. 1 in our lives," Anezakis says. "We'd be having a really good time in soccer but when it came to State training, everything was too serious. We wanted to muck around a bit more. But I don't think it hurt us. Most of the kids who played for Victoria

aren't around any more. From those of my generation, only Steve Gojevic (Croatia), Petersen, Zinni and John Campbell (George Cross) really have made it."

From fellow defenders Blair, McDowall and Russell, Anezakis has learned much over the years — positioning, delaying, when and when not to tackle. He was renowned at junior and youth levels for his powerful surges upfield, and his goallancing prowess. But he's suppressing that urge, preferring to play it safe until he has consolidated his position in the Hellas team.

"John Margaritis has spoken to me and Steve Blair about going forward. He wants us to contribute a bit more, but it's difficult. If one of us goes forward, we leave two on two at the back. We haven't worked on Russell or Postecoglou coming inside to cover for one of us, but if we did, I'm sure it would work. I'd like to do it and if I get better, I will." In 1984, when Hellas won the national youth title, Anezakis scored eight goals. In junior competition, he scored regularly, but that was easy, he says. "If you're going to make it in senior soccer, then it's so easy in the juniors. Sometimes I'd get five and six goals in one game. Of course I got harder and harder as you stepped up into older age groups. Angie was the same. Both of us would get hat-trick diplomas from 'Soccer Action' every week. We were wrapp seeing our names in 'Soccer Action' all the time."

Had he decided to join Heidelberg-Alexander with John Kanesoulis, who did make the switch from Hellas earlier this year. He still feels for Kanesoulis over controversial incidents in late 1984.

Kanesoulis was to go to Singapore with a national selection for the Merlion Cup, in preparation for the World Youth Championships the following year. Hellas coach McKendry told Kanesoulis he didn't want him to go, because he was required for the NSL finals. Kanesoulis finished up playing only as a substitute, a role any of the other reserves could have played. Kanesoulis believes to this day that it caused him to be omitted from the national youth team for the finals of the WYC in the USSR. "McKendry and others at Hellas probably believed it was important to keep the squad together for the finals. Perhaps had Con Kiakes played as a substitute, rather than Kanesoulis, things may not have gone as well for us. I really don't know. Maybe it helped us win the championships, but it wrecked John. All I know is that had it been me, I'd have gone to Singapore no matter what anyone said and if someone had tried to stand in my way, I wouldn't have thought much of him."

Apart from wanting to play in the side he hopes will win the 1985 championship, Anezakis also plans revenge for his Greek representative team in the 1985 Qantas World Cup, to be played at Green Gully Reserve, St Albans, in November and December. The competition is for players representing their countries of origin. "We came third last year, beaten on penalties by England. Scotland reached the final, yet we'd beaten them 4-1. It was a top Greek side, and had it not been for Theo Selemidis and Phil Diamataris being sent off and suspended from that game against England, I'm sure we would have won the final. We'll make up for it this year, though. It's a fantastic competition, and we really want to win it."



The South Melbourne Hellas State League team of 1983, from left, standing: Jim Armstrong (coach), Steve Kakantonia, Manny Anezakis, Mark Perree, Mark Turudia, Jim Kalambokis, Duncan Cummings, Kris Kalifatidis, Greg Kassidas. Front: Aryan Pataman, Angie Postecoglou, Pepe Abraam, John Kanesoulis, Peter Vardaxis, Chris Bokiaris, Jim Kassidas (team manager).



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# NSL AIRWAYS

## NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

**ST GEORGE BUDAPEST** (Koczka 19th, Petkovski 54th) **BLACKTOWN** 0 at **St George Stadium**. Crowd: 5460. (double header)

**ST GEORGE** Greeny 7 — J O Shea 7 — Skenen 9, Ratcliffe 7, M O Shea 7, R O Shea 7 — Petkovski 8 (Ollershaw 74th), Orszagh 6 (Moffitt 81st), Ricoy 7 — Koczka 8, Fletcher 7, Coach Frank Ark.

**BLACKTOWN** Johnson 7 — Willis 7 (Quynne 58th), Ainsworth 7, Denyer 6, Northam 8 — Byrne 7, Bradley 6 (Thornthwaite 7 46th), Knight 7 — Slater 8, Carroll 7, Sandy 7, Coach Casey de Bruin.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Skenen (St G), 5. Slater (B), 4. Petkovski (St G), 3. Koczka (St G), 2. Northam (B), 1. Sandy (B).

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 0 **SYDNEY CITY** HAKOAH 0 at **St George Stadium**. Crowd: 5460.

**OLYMPIC** Meier 10 — Rogers 8, Coady 9, Dakos 8, Spanoudakis 8, Johnston 8, Phillips 7, Raskopoulos 7, Estavillo 7 (Palacios 80th) — Soper 5, Kalantzis 6, Coach Manfred Schaefer.

**HAKOAH** Hughes 9 — Hooker 8, Robertson 9, O Connor 8, De Marigny 8 — Watson 8, Gomez 7, McCulloch 7 — Farina 8, Kosmina 7, Lee 7 (Saad 80th), Coach Eddie Thomson.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Meier (O), 5. Robertson (H), 3. Dakos (O), 2. Hooker (H), 1. Coady (O).

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** 0 **SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS** 0 at **Midvale Park**. Crowd: 3000.

**STH MELB HELLAS** Laumerts 7 — Russell 9, Anzakis 8, Blair 8, McDowall 8, Postecoglou 9 — Miranda 8, Halford 8, Crane 7 (Mihos 77th), Stevenson 8, Egan 7 (Andriotis 90th), Coach John Wargatris.

**SUNSHINE** GEO. CROSS Keogh 8 — James 9 (Innes 90th), Richardson 8, Parton 8, Campbell 9 — Bain 7, Markovski 8 (Lennon 80th), Faulkner 7, MacLaren 8 — Mitten 7, Gilder 8, Coach John Gardiner.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. James (SGC), 5. Postecoglou (SMH), 4. Campbell (SGC), 3. Russell (SMH), 2. Miranda (SMH), 1. Halford (SMH).

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 0 **APIA LEICHHARDT** 1 (**BUTLER** 2nd) at **St George Stadium**. Crowd: 2821.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC** Meier 6 — Rogers 7, Coady 7, Dakos 7, Phillips 7 — Raskopoulos 6, Kothlos 6, Estavillo 5 — Johnstone 5, Patsis 4 (5th), Brandt 3, Kalantzis 8, Coach Manfred Schaefer.

**APIA LEICHHARDT** Pezzano 7 — Stewart 7, Bozanic 7, Bertogno 8, Brown 7 — Bundalo 6, Turnbull 6 (Koussas 73rd), Butler 8 — Baran 8, Lorens 8, Morsello 6 (Dounis 79th), Coach Rale Rasic.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Butler (A), 5. Kalantzis (SC), 4. Baran (A), 3. Estavillo (SC), 2. Lorens (A), 1. Bertogno (A).

**APIA 2** (Bundalo 15th, Koussas 79th) **CANBERRA CITY** 1 (**Sermeni** 90th) at **Lambert Park**.

**APIA** Pezzano 6 — Stewart 6, Bozanic 6, Bertogno 7, Brady 6 — Bundalo 7, Turnbull 6, Lorens 8 — Parson 5, Baran 6 (Koussas 30th), 5. Morsello 6 (Dounis 58th), Coach Rale Rasic.

**CANBERRA CITY** Franken 6 — Dunn 6, Cant 4 (sent off), Harkins 4, Mazis 4 (sent off) — Mihailidis 4 (sent off), Palacios 4, Sermeni 6, Bryant 6, Phillips 7, Glasziou 5, Coach Steve Bryant.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Lorens (A), 5. Bundalo (A), 4. Phillips (C), 3. Bertogno (A), 2. Stewart (A), 1. Palacios (C).

**SYDNEY CROATIA** 3 (Odzakov 25th, Kovacic 45th, Arnold 64th) **WOLLONGONG** 1 (Brodnik 8th) at **the Croatian Sports Centre**. Crowd: 4632.

**SYDNEY CROATIA** Watson 7 — Savov 7, Kovacic 7, Rozic 8, Jennings 8 (Dragicevic 89th) — Rezo 7, Jurin 7, Arnold 8 — Lamond 7 (Clinch 45th), 7. Petkovic 7, Odzakovic 8, Coach Vedran Rezo.

**WOLLONGONG** Young 6 — Green 6, Chalby 7, Brodnik 6, Morlando 6 — Cokely 7, Murray 6 (Eastorpe 57th), 6. Gaffney 6, Girdal 6 — Gatten 6, Kotamanidis 6 (Stevanovic 76th), Coach John Fleming.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Odzakovic (Cr), 5. Rozic (Cr), 4. Arnold (Cr), 3. Jennings (Cr), 2. Rezo (Cr), 1. Chalby (W).

**FOOTSCRAY JUST** 0 **GREEN GULLY** 0 at **Schintler Reserve**. Crowd: 1517.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Green (G), 5. Odzakovic (Cr), 4. Arnold (Cr), 3. Jennings (Cr), 2. Rezo (Cr), 1. Chalby (W).

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD** v. **Blacktown City** at **Adamstown Oval**, 7pm.

**SUNDAY**  
**Brisbane City** v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** at **Spencer Park**, 3pm.

**Adelaide Hellas** v. **Adelaide City Juventus** (draw) at **Hindmarsh Stadium**, 2.30pm.

**GREEN GULLY** v. **Brisbane Lions** at **Green Gully Reserve**, 3pm.

**Brunswick-Juventus** v. **FOOTSCRAY JUST** at **Olympic Park**, 3pm.

**Sunshine-George Cross** v. **Melbourne Croatia** (draw) at **Chaplin Reserve**, 3pm.

**Preston-Makedonia** v. **Heidelberg-Alexander** (draw) at **Connor Reserve**, 3pm.

**SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH** v. **Inter-Monaro** at **Sydney Athletic Field**, 3pm.

**Canberra Olympians** v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at **Bruce Stadium**, 3pm.

**Canterbury-Marrickville** v. **ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST** at **Arlington Oval**, 3pm.

**MARCONI** v. **Sydney Croatia** at **Marconi Stadium**, 3pm.

**Wollongong** v. **APIA-LEICHHARDT** at **Wollongong Showgrounds**, 3pm.

## NSL DETAILS

**FOOTSCRAY JUST** Nikitovic 8 — Vukcevic 7 — Petrovski 8, Karic 7, Barjakarevic 7 — Stosic 9, Spink 7, Belic 7, Tapai 7 — Latif 5 (Curovic 70th), Lujic 7, Coach Dragoslav Sekulac.

**GREEN GULLY** Denys 9 — Grimaud 7 — Hogben 8, Douglas 7 — Fraser 8, McLelland 7, Quigley 7, Carter 6 — Cumming 7, Ward 7 (Lujic 7), Sub Theodoropoulos 8 (2nd), Cannel 6 (Campbell 75th), 5. Macleod 6, Coach Gus Macleod.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Stosic (JUST), 5. Denys (GG), 4. Fraser (GG), 3. Nikitovic (JUST), 2. Petrovski (JUST), 1. Hogben (GG).

**MELBOURNE CROATIA** 3 (**J. Campbell** 8th, **Gagula** 47th, **Paul Lewis** 56th) **PRESTON MAKEDONIA** 3 (**Smith** 30th, **Cole** 76th, **Heys** 87th) at **Olympic Park**. Crowd: 2482.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA** Runje 7 — Talajic 8, McIntosh 7, Hannah 9, Redmond 6 — Biskic 7, J Campbell 8, Golevic 6 (in), Gagula H.T. 6, Cristaldo 5 — Paul Lewis 7, Abrahams 7, Coach Terry Hennessy.

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA** Traianes 6 — McLennan 6, Dobson 8, Woodall 6 (in), Opasnas 3 (4th), 6. Hoski 6 — van Egmond 6, Gilias 7 (in), Campbell 7, Roodhouse 6, Heys 8 — Smith 8, Cole 7, Coach Bill Murray.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Hannah (MC), 5. Pappas 7 — Dobson (P), 3. Smith (P), 2. Talajic (MC), 1. Runje (MC).

**HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER** 4 (**Hunter** 13th, **Brown** 16th, **54th**, **73rd** penalt) **SYDNEY CITY JUVENTUS** 1 (**Brodnik** 8th) at **Olympic Village**. Crowd: 2600.

**HEIDELBERG** O'Brien 7 — Marley 8, Hunter 8, Selemidis 8, Katsakidis 7 — Kaneoulis 7 (in), Lucchesi 7 (in), Valenzuela 7 — Brown 10, Wilson 7, Tsolakis 9, Coach Brian Garvey.

**JUVENTUS** Banovic 6 — Lewis 5, Brown 5, Yzenodorn 5, Campbell 5 — Palatsidis 8, Cullen 6, Petersen 3 (sent off 58th), Durakovic 5 — Zinni 5 (in), Montemurro 7 (6th) — Patterson 5, Coach Len McKendry.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Brown (HA), 5. Marley (HA), 4. Hunter (HA), 3. Valentine (HA), 2. Selemidis (HA), 1. Tsolakis (HA).

**INTER-MONARO** 1 (**Perinovic** 82nd) **CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE** 0 at **Seiffert Oval**, **Queanbeyan**. Crowd: 363.

**MONARO** Hoszkowski 7 — Tulawa 6, Tittles 7, Budini 8, Walsh 8 — Wilcox 7 (Gagett 89th), Carbone 7 (Gagett 89th), Brennan 8, Djorjeski 7 — Winn (sent off 32nd), Perinovic 9, Coach Steve Hoszkowski and Harry Williams.

**CANTERBURY** Barker 6 — Akoutas 6, Hanjotis 6, Radman 6, Hartz 6 — Zaimi 7, Zilic 7, Gotic 6, Svinos 6 (Jebrael 60th), 6 — Borges 6, Kicata 6 (Fiermatris 80th), Coach Domagoj Kapetanovic.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Perinovic (IM), 5. Budini (IM), 4. Brennan (IM), 3. Walsh (IM), 2. Zaimi (C), 1. Tittles (IM).

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED** 3 (**Maier** 22nd, **37th** Sterey own goal, **81st** Naumov) **MARCONI** 2 (**43rd** Henderson, **50th** Gray) at **Adamstown Oval**. Crowd: 1713.

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED** Gosling 8 — Mileosic 6, Bannon 7, Owens 7, Cavanah 8 — Naumov 7, Maier 7, McQuarrie 8, Crabtree 7 — Ingham 7, Jones 7, Coach Peter Irving.

**MARCONI** James 7 — Carter 6, Sterey 7, Wheatley 7, Rizzato 6 — Gray 7, Henderson 8, Gunning 6 — Lowe 8, Brown 7, El Ali 7, Coach Les Schenfling.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Maier (NR), 5. Henderson (M), 4. Cavanah (NR), 3. Lowe (M), 2. Gosling (NR), 1. Ingham (NR).

**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS** 2 (**Maier** 22nd, **37th** Sterey own goal, **81st** Naumov) **MARCONI** 2 (**43rd** Henderson, **50th** Gray) at **Adamstown Oval**. Crowd: 1713.

**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS** McNally 7 — Shillabeer 8, Tobin 6 — Williams 8 (80th), Nikitovic 7, Flounders 7 — Melia 7, Russell 6 (Wide 46th), 7 — Mullen 9, Maxwell 7, Vidmar 8, Coach Zoran Matc.

**BRISBANE CITY** Harrison 9 — Archer 7, Mengotti 7, 7, Coach Zoran Matc.

Vasquez 7, Fabrizio 6 — Caird 7, Catalano 7 (Cooper 56th, Wilson 70th), Chapman 6, White 8, Scriggins 6, Coach Billy Wilkinson.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Mullen (ACJ), 5. Harrison (BC), 4. Vidmar (ACJ), 3. Shillabeer (ACJ), 2. White (BC), 1. Flounders (ACJ).

**ST GEORGE** 2 (**Fletcher** 36th, **Petkovski** 53rd) **MARCONI** 1 (**Brown** 56th) at **Marconi Stadium**. Crowd: 924.

**ST GEORGE** Greeny 9 — Skenen 8 (Moffitt 89th), Ratcliffe 9, M O Shea 7, R O Shea 7 — Orsagh 7, J O Shea 7, Ricoy 8 — Petkovski 8, Fletcher 8, Fletcher 8, Coach Frank Ark.

**MARCONI** James 6 — Sterey 7, Mason 6, Henderson 6, Carter 7 — Gray 7, Tredinnick 7, Wheatley 6 (Gunning 75th) — El Ali 8, Lowe 7, Brown 7, Coach Les Schenfling.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Greeny (S), 5. Ratcliffe (S), 4. Ricoy (S), 3. El Ali (M), 2. Skenen (S), 1. Koczka (S).

**BRISBANE LIONS** 2 (**Richardson** 17th, **Wright** 30th) **ADELAIDE HELLAS** 1 (**Ward** 32nd) at **Richlands**. Crowd: 419.

**LIONS** Evans 5 — R Stewart 8, Liddell 8, Jackson 8, Nelson 8, Anderson 5, J. Ward 6, Ogden 7 — Wright 7, Richardson 7, Morton 7, Coach Col Bennett.

**ADELAIDE HELLAS** Sprui 7 — Brown 7, Yankos 6 (sent off), Heen 7, Scott 7 — Hristodoulou 8, Panagis 6, Manou 6 — Pervin (Konstantopoulos 16th), 6, Ward 7, Atsialas 7, Coach Edmund Kref.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. R Stewart (BL), 5. Hristodoulou (AH), 4. Liddell (BL), 3. Jackson (BL), 2. Konstantopoulos (AH), 1. Ward (AH).

**CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS** 3 (**Palacios** 26th and 63rd, **Gibson** 13th) **SYDNEY CROATIA** 0 at **Bruce Stadium**. Crowd: 1388.

**CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS** Franken 7 — Dunn 8, Cant 7, Harkins 7, Mazia 7 — Sermeni 7, Mihailidis 7, Bryant 6 — Patsis 8, Cullen 8, Gibson 8, Coach Steve Bryant.

**SYDNEY CROATIA** Watson 6 — Jennings 6, Kovacic 6, Rozic 7, Rezo 7 (Clinch 69th) — Petkovic 6, Savor 6, Odzakovic 6 — Dragicevic 6, 5 (1st), Arnold 6, Junin 6, Coach Vedran Rezo.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Palacios (C), 5. Gibson (C), 4. Dunn (C), 3. Phillips (C), 2. Cant (C), 1. Mazis (C).

**WOLLONGONG** 1 (**Brodnik** 8th) **NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED** 4 (**Maier** 60th, **McQuarrie** 64th, **Jones** 89th, **90th**) at **Wollongong Showgrounds**. Crowd: 1121.

**WOLLONGONG** Billington 6 — Green 8, Vlietstra 6 (in), Batten 7 (Chilby 7), Fleming 6 — Cokely 9, Stefanovski 6, Anoska 6 (Brodnik 83rd), Murray 6 — Gerald 8, Kotamanidis 7, Coach John Fleming.

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED** Gosling 7 — Maier 7, Bannon 6, Naumov 6, Jones 8 — Owens 8, Cavanah 7, Crabtree 8 — McQuarrie 9, Mileosic 7, Coach Peter Irving.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Cokely (W), 5. McQuarrie (NR), 4. Ingham (NR), 3. Jones (NR), 2. Gerald (W), 1. Green (W).

**ADELAIDE HELLAS** 2 (**Atsialas** 12th, **Prie** 31st) **FOOTSCRAY JUST** 1 (**Vukcevic**) at **Hindmarsh Stadium**. Crowd: 2400.

**ADELAIDE HELLAS** Sprui 7 — Brown 6, Yankos 8, Dunn 7 (sent off 67th) — Honeyman 8, Hristodoulou 8, Panagis 6, Scott 7, Pervin 7 (Konstantopoulos 80th), Atsialas 8, Coach Edmund Kref.

**FOOTSCRAY JUST** Nikitovic 7 — Petrovski 8, Karic 7, Vukcevic 7, Opasnas 6, Cullen 6, Petersen 3 (sent off 58th), Tapai 6, Stosic 8 — Latif 6 (Curovic 10th), 7, Lujic 8, Spink 7, Coach Drago Seculac.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Hristodoulou (AH), 5. Honeyman (AH), 4. Stosic (FJ), 3. Yankos (AH), 2. Lujic (FJ), 1. Atsialas (AH).

**MELBOURNE CROATIA** 0 **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** 1 (**Sermeni** 90th) at **Olympic Park**. Wednesday night. Crowd: 2939.

**CROATIA** Runje 9 — Talajic 7, McIntosh 7, Hannah 9, Redmond 6 — Lewis 8, Campbell 8, Golevic 6, Cristaldo 7 — Smith 8, Abrahams 3, Coach Terry Hennessy.

**HELLAS** Laumerts 8 — McDowall 7, Anzakis 7, Blair 8 — Russell 7, Cranley 7, Halford 7, Postecoglou 7, Mihos 6 — Stevenson 8, Egan 7, Coach John Wargatris.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Runje (MC), 5. Hannah (MC), 4. Campbell (MC), 3. Stevenson (SMH), 2. Laumerts (SMH), 1. Blair (SMH).

# Petkovski to face Juventus?

## This week's games

This week's NSL and Nanda National Cup games, with likely winners in capitals:

**TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)**  
**Nanda Cup semi-finals**  
**HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER** v. **Sydney City Hakoah** at **Olympic Park**, No. 1, 7.30pm.

**ADELAIDE HELLAS** v. **Canberra at Hindmarsh Stadium**, 7.30pm.

**SATURDAY**  
**National League**  
**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD** v. **Blacktown City** at **Adamstown Oval**, 7pm.

**SUNDAY**  
**Brisbane City** v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** at **Spencer Park**, 3pm.

**Adelaide Hellas** v. **Adelaide City Juventus** (draw) at **Hindmarsh Stadium**, 2.30pm.

**GREEN GULLY** v. **Brisbane Lions** at **Green Gully Reserve**, 3pm.

**Brunswick-Juventus** v. **FOOTSCRAY JUST** at **Olympic Park**, 3pm.

**Sunshine-George Cross** v. **Melbourne Croatia** (draw) at **Chaplin Reserve**, 3pm.

**Preston-Makedonia** v. **Heidelberg-Alexander** (draw) at **Connor Reserve**, 3pm.

**SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH** v. **Inter-Monaro** at **Sydney Athletic Field**, 3pm.

**Canberra Olympians** v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at **Bruce Stadium**, 3pm.

**Canterbury-Marrickville** v. **ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST** at **Arlington Oval**, 3pm.

**MARCONI** v. **Sydney Croatia** at **Marconi Stadium**, 3pm.

**Wollongong** v. **APIA-LEICHHARDT** at **Wollongong Showgrounds**, 3pm.

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| 42. Postecoglou (SMH).            | 16. Douglas (GG), Lamond (S.Cr), Spink (JUST). |
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| 28. Kalantzis (SC).               | 12. Tobin (A.Juve).                            |
| 27. Tapai (JUST).                 | 11. Micioti (A.Juve).                          |
| 25. Ollershaw (St.G), Dunn (Can). | 10. Palatsidis (B.Juve), Moffitt (St.G).       |
| 21. Tsolakis (H).                 |  |
| 19. Koczka (St.G), Jones (NR).    |  |
| 18. D.Hunter (SL).                |  |

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Paul Wade is in doubt due to injury, Mike Petersen is suspended and Joe Palatsidis is on the verge of suspension due to referee's penalty points, as Juventus prepares to take on Southern Division leader Footscray JUST at Olympic Park on Sunday.

JUST expects to have midfielder Vlado Bozinski off after injury, and hopes that top-scorer Ollie Latif shakes off a leg injury he sustained against Adelaide Hellas last Wednesday.

Last time they met, JUST beat Juventus 2-1 but Juventus generally was on top in midfield. Whether Juventus can repeat that dominance without Wade and Petersen remains to be seen. But John Dowie, Fabio Incantalo and possibly Mehmet Durakovic are more than capable replacements.

If JUST wins, it will hold at least a two-point lead over Heidelberg possibly a three-point lead over Juventus, depending on whether of them is in second place.

Heidelberg has a tough one against Makedonia which showed extraordinary fight in

coming back from 1-3 down to draw 3-3 with Melbourne Croatia last Sunday.

If Juventus and Heidelberg both win, JUST will fall to third position, and has to play against Heidelberg the following week.

In the Northern Division, all eyes are on Newcastle-Rosebud as it maintains its spectacular bid for inclusion in the 1987 NSL. It has to finish at least fourth to have any hope, and it should strengthen its position by beating Blacktown on Saturday. But to climb up the ladder, Newcastle has to hope that Marconi loses to Sydney Croatia on Sunday — and after two successive losses and a draw, Marconi should be desperate enough to topple Croatia.

Sunshine George Cross must stay in the running for the 14 next year, so its clash with Melbourne Croatia is a vital one, yet I can't see George getting more than yet another draw, as both sets of defences look too good to be beaten.

APIA can climb one place by beating Wollongong, but only if St George loses to Canterbury, which is unlikely.

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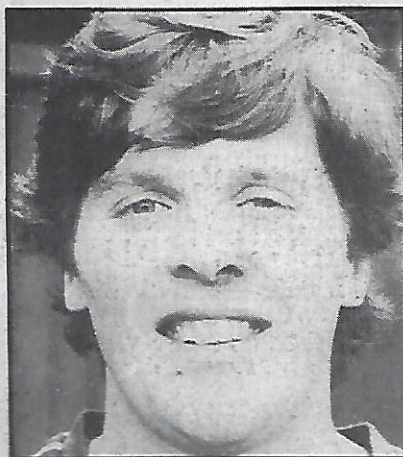
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# IT'S BROWER BROWN



• Doug Brown — hat-trick sank Juventus.

**Heidelberg 4  
B Juventus 1**  
*Scorers:* Hunter 13th, Brown 16th, 54th, 73rd, 73rd, (pen). Yzendoorn 86th.  
*Venue:* Olympic Village  
*Crowd:* 2600  
*Referee:* Jim Rossia  
*Sent Off:* Petersen 56th  
*Yellow Cards:* Lewis, Palatides, Pappas, B. Brown

In avenging its first-round defeat by the same score, Heidelberg completely outclassed and demolished a pedestrian and unimaginative championship pretender.

The dominance of Heidelberg was such that it restricted Juventus to only two strikes at goal. The first a 60th minute effort by Rob Cullen was confidently saved by Jeff O'Leary, the second, John Yzendoorn's 86th minute consolation goal, had an element of luck about it. Yzendoorn's first shot was blocked and he hit home the rebound with Oliver wrong footed, having moved to cover the first attempt.

It must be stated that Juventus had selection problems, due to injuries to Paul Wade,



## Ken Kontra

John Dowie and Joe Sweeney and as a result was undermanned, particularly in midfield, where the non-stop running and creativity of Wade was sorely missed.

It is doubtful however, that Juve could have done much better even with a full squad against an opponent, which on the day would have accounted for any team in the Southern Division of the NSL. Heidelberg's was certainly the best performance of attacking, purposeful soccer I have seen this year. If it can retain this form, Heidelberg must be regarded as a serious contender for the Cup and Championship double.

There was a significant difference in the approach of the teams. Whereas Juve insisted

on playing in narrow corridors, Heidelberg exploited the full width of the park, switching direction frequently, stretching Juve's defence and destroying its depth time and again. While players of the calibre of Peter Lewis, Brian Brown, Eddie Campbell and John Yzendoorn were forced into making elementary errors under relentless pressure.

At the other end Steve Marley and Theo Selemidis and Chris Ketsakidis were seldom extended and were able to initiate attacks with constructive passes and support the forwards with penetrating runs. Marley and Hunter were particularly prominent in attack, going forward at every opportunity.

The midfield belonged to Mike Valentine, who won the ball with monotonous regularity, breaking up Juve's attacks on the few occasions when it decided to

play through the midfield rather than hitting ineffective passes direct to the closely-marked striking duo of Scott Patterson and Andrew Ziuni.

But overall, the day belonged to Doug Brown. Keen as mustard, Brown gave an impressive display of modern attacking play. Constantly on the move, always available to receive the ball, he tormented and completely destroyed the Juventus back-four with the able assistance of Paul Wilson and Peter Tsolkakis.

Brown provided the cross from a corner for Alan Hunter's opening goal in the 13th minute. Three minutes later pounced on a loose ball and beat Yakkia Banovic from close range and in the 54th minute a burst through the square Juve defence to slot past Banovic Marley's long clearance from 20 metres.

Brown completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot after Brian Brown had brought him down inside the area in the 73rd minute.

In addition to the three goals, Brown had shots saved

**Man of the match:**  
**DOUG BROWN**  
(Heidelberg)

by Banovic in the 6th, 9th, 80th and 83rd minutes and came close on several other occasions in a truly match-winning performance.

Juve's problems due to unavailability of players was further aggravated when a behind-the-play incident involving Con Pappas and Mike Petersen was spotted by the linesman and resulted in Jim Rossia showing the red card to Petersen in the 60th minute.

Reduced to 10 men, Juve actually managed to mount a few attacks out of desperation and John Yzendoorn, having moved into midfield, reduced the deficit in the 86th minute, but by then Brian Garvey's team had the game well and truly sewn up.

## Stosic sparkles, Denys unbeatable

### Laurie Schwab



**Man of the match:**  
**VLADE STOSIC**  
(Foots JUST)

**Foots JUST 0  
Green Gully 0**

*Referee:* Rob Davies 5  
*Cautions:* Grimaud (GG), Hogben (GG)  
*Green Gully goalkeeper* Lou Denys flung himself all over the place as JUST launched a furious onslaught in the second half. Vlado Stosic was carving holes with his incredible skill, sweeper Vojislav Vukcevic was on the forward line for the last 10 minutes, Warren Spink was at centre forward, IJube Petrovski was coming up on the flank and substitute Suleiman Curovic was there as well.

All JUST needed was a fit Ossie Latif to put away the chances. It did not have him, though. He had been injured against Adelaide Hellas midweek, and was clearly hampered until he was replaced by Suleiman Curovic in the 70th minute.

And so Green Gully hung on, thanks to Denys, Dave Hogben, Steve Douglas, 17-year-old sweeper John Grimaud and, yes, Les Carter who got in the way of a powerful drive on the rebound from Vlado Stosic.

JUST's superior fitness gave it the edge in the second half, as did Stosic's skill, but Green Gully was denied a penalty when Danny Ward was upended in the box. Referee Rob Davies seemed unsure. He looked long and hard to his linesman, but the linesman didn't seem sure either. In any case, he kept his flag down.

Earlier, Stosic had gone down in a tackle by Douglas and was also denied a penalty. Green Gully coach Gus Macleod, who had been Drago Sekularac's assistant at JUST, came to Schintler Reserve to attack, an that's just what his men did. Stuart Cannell, usually a stopper, played up front to add a bit of aerial power. Scott Fraser was a tireless source of attack from midfield and Colin Quigley also provided good service although there was a longish period during which he seemed to be taking a rest.

Denys was forced into action in the first few seconds, when he stormed out to kick clear in front of Latif who had broken through. At the other end, Cannell headed the ball into the path of Ward whose low shot lashed across goal.

That set the scene for a highly entertaining match, marred only by the muddy nature of the pitch.

Ernie Tapai blasted in a shot after a corner. Denys could only block it, and the ball rolled free, inviting JUST to put it away. A group of forwards however, got in each other's way and Steve McLellan was able to clear.

Stosic played a brilliant through ball which broke Green Gully's well-rehearsed offside trap, and sent Lujic away on the left. Lujic slung over a quick cross but Latif couldn't control it quickly enough. When he shot after cutting past an opponent, Denys dived to save.

Then Latif burst clear, with only Grimaud to contend with, but Grimaud beat the JUST top-keeper.

JUST started the second half with Stosic playing a through ball for Lujic running into the box past Douglas, but Denys blocked the shot.

At the other end, Fraser got past Tom Karic on the right and cut the ball back to Ward who belted it over the bar. A cross by Hogben and a flick-on by Cannell set up Cumming but both Nikitovic and Petrovski were in front of Cumming to block the shot.

Curovic replaced Latif and

shortly afterwards, George Campbell came on for Green Gully, in place of Cannell.

Stosic beat two men out wide, cut inside, barged into the box, and was brought down by Douglas in the first of the disallowed penalty situations.

Lujic sent over a fine cross from the right (!) for Curovic running into the box. Perhaps it had something to do with the

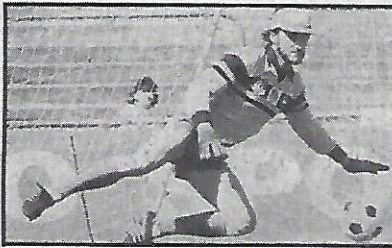
state of the pitch, but Curovic failed to control the ball first time, and it came off his foot and reached Denys before Curovic could retrieve it.

Green Gully counter-attacked, with Cumming sending Campbell away on the right. Campbell crossed to the far post where Ward headed just past the post. Ward had another chance a few moments later, but the ball

bounced away, off his knee.

Another passage of brilliant play saw Stosic wriggle past three opponents and square the ball to Spink for a close-range shot which Denys blocked. The rebound fell for Belic whose shot was stopped by Carter.

At the other end Ward was floored and another penalty disallowed.



• Lou Denys — Green Gully 'keeper.

**N. Rosebud 3  
Marconi 2**

*Venue:* Adamstown Oval  
*Scorers:* 22nd Maier (NR) 37th Henderson (M) 43rd Henderson (M) 81st Naumov (NR) 90th Gray (M)  
*Referee:* Tony Pollock 5  
*Cautions:* Rizzotto (M) El Ali (M) Naumov (NR)

Newcastle Rosebud continued its relentless bid for a place in the 1987 reduced National League competition.

Marconi, taking the field without suspended midfielder regulars Craig Mason and Peter Tredinnick, tried hard but was never really convincing.

Les Scheinflug moved Tom Henderson to midfield and although the former Australian representative played a real captain's game, eventually it was the Newcastle midfielder that layed the foundation for the victory.

Man of the match John McQuarrie, after settling his differences with the club several weeks ago and returning to National League football, has added some bite to the midfield and his competitiveness has proved infectious.

It was McQuarrie's pass to Sean Ingham that allowed Ingham to outpace Paul Carter down the left and his cross was chested down by Ralph Maier who had no difficulty beating the onrushing Bruce James for the first goal.

Newcastle's pace up front and aggression in midfield created quite a few problems for the Marconi defence and when McQuarrie followed a through ball by Ralph Maier, Les Sterrey turned the ball into his own net to put the locals two up.

Just before the interval,

Marconi pulled one back when Henderson beat Gosling with a looping header from a Joe Rizzotto free kick.

For a while in the second half it looked like the visitors could get back into the game, Geoff Gunning, missing narrowly with a header and Rod Brown also coming close.

Newcastle should have put the issue beyond doubt when Bobby Naumov, beautifully set up by Ingham, failed to score when left with only James to beat.

However Naumov scored himself three minutes later. Once again it was Ingham who mesmerised the defence with his pace before crossing to Naumov who unleashed a magnificent right foot, diagonal valley, from 18 metres.

Ian Gray pulled a goal back in injury time but that was far too late and Newcastle notched a well-deserved win.

The game could have taken a different turn had Gray scored when he was presented with a golden opportunity with the score at nil-all, but Gosling, as he has done so many times this season, came to the rescue.

Gosling, although not overworked, made another couple of crucial saves.

Les Scheinflug was a despondent figure in the dressing room after the game, looking at his injured sweeper Les Sterrey who had to come off late in the second half with suspected knee ligament damage.

Sterrey has been a tower of strength in the Marconi defence and even with the return of Mason and Tredinnick, Sterrey's reading of the game will be sorely missed.

**Joe Lanzoni**



**Man of the match:**  
**JOHN MCQUARRIE**  
(Newc-Rosebud)

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## Yankos off in farewell

**Bris Lions 2  
Adel Hellas 1**

*Scorers:* Richardson 17th, Wright 30th (BL) Ward 32nd (AH)  
*Venue:* Richlands  
*Crowd:* 419  
*Referee:* Alan Kibbler 8

This match — probably the last these two clubs will play in the NSL — was marred by a needless incident behind play, over which Socceroo sweeper Charlie Yankos was sent off.

Although Yankos walked from the field shaking his head, he couldn't have expected any less than the red card, as he had been booked in the 18th minute for a boisterous tackle.

Why he then lashed out at Lions striker Jim Morton is anyone's guess.

It proved a costly dismissal for Adelaide Hellas as it had been grinding its way back from a two-goal deficit and



**Ricky Rosso**

**Man of the match:**  
**RUSSELL STEWART**  
(Brisb. Lion)

only minutes earlier had reduced the margin.

No further goals followed Yankos' departure. But it certainly wasn't want for want of opportunities.

Despite the heavy pitch and a steady drizzle, both sides started at a hectic pace — obviously mindful that on their current standings, nothing but two points would do.

Russell Stewart's distribution was outstanding and it remains a wonder that he was not tried at right back by Frank Arok in the recent series against the Czechs.

Lou Hristodou showed why he is one of Australian

soccer's rising stars and will be besieged with offers if Hellas is cut from the NSL.

In the rain every tackle was a major slide and it was in one such clash that nippy Hellas striker Gary Price was injured. He lasted only a few more minutes before being replaced in the 16th minute by George Konstandopoulos, who by the end of the day, was among his side's best.

One minute later Lions made a breakthrough from an

Alan Niven free kick just outside the box. The searching ball to the far post was headed back across the goal where David Richardson, some say in an offside position, volleyed into the net for his third goal in as many home appearances.

Good work by Morton on the left set up Danny Wright to head home Lions' second in the 30th minute, again amid offside appeals, but two minutes later Hellas hit back.

Konstandopoulos hit a good corner and Gary Ward rose above the defence to nod home.

Despite being reduced to 10 men shortly after, Hellas could have been level or ahead by the break.

In the 40th minute Hristodou broke through and with keeper Wayne Evans to beat, and Ward unmarked to his right, he shot into the side netting.



# OLYMPIC AIRWAYS

## NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA



# When only the worst will do!



Barry Davis

## Easy for Croatia

By BRETT WILSON

### Syd Croatia 3 Wollongong 1

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre.  
Crowd: 4632.  
Referee: Ken Small E.

Cautions: Ken Small E. (Wollongong).  
Goals: Brodnik 8th (Wollongong), Odzakovic 25th, Kovacic 45th, Arnold 64th (Sydney Croatia).

Sydney Croatia tightened its grip on top spot when it cruised to a 3-1 victory over Wollongong in a game which failed to reach any great heights.

Wollongong's only high-spot came early when, from a Reg Chilbey free kick on 40 metres, keeper Steve Watson failed to catch the looping ball and Pat Brodnik was on hand to secure a goal, for Wollongong to lead 1-0.

Croatia replied with crisp attacking movements, with Zarko Odzakovic most impressive for the home side.

A Wollongong long throw saw Peter Kotamanidis leap high for a header and it looked like 2-0, but the outstretched hand of Watson managed to tap the ball over the bar.

Fierce tackling by Wollongong defenders robbed Croatia of numerous chances, many of the challenges resulting in Croatian free kicks outside the area.

Croatia hit back in the 25th minute when a free kick was awarded a metre outside the box and 5 metres off centre. Graham Arnold dummied and the ball was left for Odzakovic who put it through the breaking wall and inside the left post with Wolves keeper Warwick Young left stunned.

Again Croatia attacks. This time a Manis Lamond cross was flicked on by Arnold only for Marjan Kovacic to head the ball over the bar from five metres, with only the keeper to beat.

Man of the match:

**ZARKO ODZAKOV**  
(Sydney Croatia)

Croatia's constant attack was well rewarded, with a perfectly created goal. Zarko Odzakovic on the right found Kovacic with a perfectly weighted cross, for Kovacic to head in a spectacular goal, to take the home side to a 2-1 lead entering the break.

From then on, the run for Wollongong was all downhill. There was no spark in attack and most of their game was concentrated on trying to clear the ball.

The defence of Croatia was strong throughout, although it was rarely tested in the second half. The defenders always had plenty of time and constantly passed it among themselves, looking for runners up front, before making their move.

Graham Arnold made it 3-1 when he turned and shot from 20 metres, as goalkeeper Warwick Young watched the ball slowly roll over the line and into the back of the net.

Zeljko Jurin, from a Drago Rezo through ball, had the goal at his mercy, but Young charged at Jurin to block the shot.

Larry Gaffrey, captaining the Wolves, found himself with a chance. He made the correct choice and shot tremendously but the left post denied him.

Odzakovic repeatedly beat defenders with skill and set up many of Croatia's attacking movements. He was always in full control of the game and was rarely dispossessed.



● Lou Hristodoulou (right) shoots for goal against Tom Karic of Footscray JUST in Adelaide Hellas's 2-1 victory at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday. At left is Suleiman Curovic. Picture by FRANK HOISISS.

## Soper his own enemy!

### Syd Olympic 0 SC-Hakoah 0

Venue: St George Stadium  
Crowd: 5460 (double-header)

Referee: Richard Lorenc 7  
Cautions: Raskopoulos, Dakos, Johnstone (SO), O'Connor (Hak).

Sydney Olympic will lodge a protest about the performance of referee Richard Lorenc.

That was the gist of a stream of scathing comments by Olympic's normally urbane president Tom Doumanis. "It's two-bob refereeing which wrecks the game," he said, expressing incredulity about the NSL's failure to appoint either Chris Bambridge or Don Campbell to take charge of this traditionally hard-to-control fixture.

Doumanis' ire arose after an incident in the 63rd minute, when Peter Raskopoulos put a

magnificent pass through the Hakoah defence, which saw Marshall Soper give his "shadow" the slip for perhaps the first time. There he was, racing into the penalty area, without 17-year-old Hakoah goalie Brett Hughes to beat for what would probably have been the game-clinching goal. Hughes, tall and strongly built, advanced off his line like an express train, dived at Soper's feet to deflect the ball, with the striker going down in a heap and his team-mates — backed up by a wild bunch of supporters, doing their best to rip out the fencing — physically confronting referee Lorenc with their demands for a penalty.

It's now history that Lorenc ignored their demands, for which his reward was a shower of rubbish, cans and spit at game's end from the Greek "fans".

While Doumanis was outraged, and possibly had right

on his side, Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer freely agreed with the suggestion that Soper's constant dives, trying to trap referees into awarding unjustified penalties and free kicks, may have cost him the benefit of the doubt this time.

Soper's antics over several years — his agonised contortions followed seconds later by almost miraculous recoveries — have been among the less edifying spectacles of Australian soccer. It has also led to situations where referees have a tendency to write off genuine grievances. It can be fairly said that Marshall Soper is his own worst enemy.

Olympic could easily have hit the front in the second minute, when no less than four players made a break, but young Hughes raced 18 metres from his line to clear upfield. The teenager is looking to be one of the season's discoveries. His one flaw came seven



Peter Scott

Man of the match:

**GARY MEIER**  
(Syd Olympic)

minutes into the second half, when he advanced to intercept a high cross from Johnstone, only to hesitate halfway out. He got badly stranded in no-man's land and was fortunate to see Kalantzis' header 90 inches wide of the upright.

An even more impressive goalkeeping performance was produced at the other end by Olympic's Gary Meier, who had an absolutely flawless game looking very safe and pulling off brilliant saves from Watson and Farina.

One must also mention Peter Dakos, who did a very good job in making John Kosmina's life somewhat less than pleasant, but blotted his copy book with a string of rather crude and often entirely unnecessary fouls.

Overall, in spite of some short bursts of spiteful tackling, the match was not too rough and while technically the standard was nothing to swoon about, there was plenty of action and excitement.

## Steve Winn sent off



Peter Windsor

### Inter Monaro 1 Canterbury 0

Score: Perinovic 82nd  
Referee: Roger Doenau 4  
Crowd: 363

Red card: Steve Winn 32nd  
Yellow cards: Willox, Perinovic (Monaro); Hantzis, Hamoris, Burin, Radman, Ucata, Ftermatitis (Canterbury)  
A remarkable opponent goal just eight minutes from the final whistle by hard-working striker Marko Perinovic gave the gallant 10 men of Monaro this one-goal victory over listless Canterbury.

It was a win Monaro deserved — a win that lifts it off the bottom of the Northern Division league ladder for the first time this season.

Perinovic made the match-winner out of nothing.

Goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski had punted the ball well into Canterbury's half. Perinovic, with his back to the ball, gathered it and tried a speculative overhead kick.

And it caught goalkeeper Ian Barker completely by surprise — and off his line — and all he could do was watch the ball drop into the roof of the net.

But now a word of criticism for referee Roger Doenau.

I cannot dispute the sending off of Monaro front-runner Steve Winn in the 32nd minute, for Winn retaliated for a blatant foul by Spiros Haniotis by throwing a punch right hunder Mr Doenau's nose.

But eight yellow cards? Yes eight! In a game that was in no way spiteful or dirty. Two of them went to Monaro and six to Canterbury.

Man of the match:

**MARKO PERINOVIC**  
(Inter-Monaro)

But back to the game. Canterbury, right on the final whistle, missed the easiest of equalisers.

Yugoslav import — and by far Canterbury's best player — Zaimi Burin made a fine run down the right flank. He made it to the dead-ball line and cut out Monaro's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski with a fine low cross.

Middlefielder Nello Borges had an open goal before him but he over-ran the ball. He could easily have hung back and the goal would have been his.

Earlier both sides had missed goalscoring opportunities.

But it was not a game to set the world on fire, although on this occasion Canterbury at least didn't rely on blanket-like defensive tactics like it did against Canberra a week earlier.

Man of the match:

**DAVID SKEEN**  
(St George)

They scored in the 19th minute when David Ratcliffe knocked a free kick square to Andy Koczka who slammed the ball home at the near post despite the diving effort of Barry Hoare.

Blacktown's only serious attempt of the first half came in the 34th minute when Robbie Slater, Joe Carroll and Steven Knight combined with a series of one-touch passes but their efforts were blocked at the very last moment by Socceroo defender Ratcliffe.

During the break, several spectators commented that the second half would have to be an improvement on the first, but they were very, very wrong.

The Demons replaced the lack-lustre John Bradley and Brett Thornthwaite at half time but the substitution did not improve their play.

Koczka gave Blacktown the fright of its life in the opening few seconds of the second stanza when he walked through the defence but his shot from an acute angle went wide.

Five minutes later, Graeme Fletcher broke free on the right and his cross found the head of an unmarked David Skeen, but once again the ball failed to find the net.

Blacktown launched several attacking movements but it continually was frustrated by poor passing at crucial times.

In the 54th minute, Blacktown won a corner. Gary Byrne floated the kick toward the goal but it was cleared to Pedro Ricoy. Ricoy turned, made good ground on the right and set up Peter Petkovski who made absolutely no mistake from 10 metres.

That was enough to give the Saints the edge and to demoralise the Demons.

To its credit, Blacktown kept trying, hoping for a miracle but it was not to be. It has only itself to blame though. It constantly broke down in trying to play longer passes when short ones would have done the job.

St George had a lot of possession handed to it on a platter yet it too wasted far too many passes.

In the 67th minute, we saw a real touch of class when Slater and Carroll combined with a very clever sequence of first-time passes to set up Slater but John O'Shea intervened when a goal seemed certain.

Eight minutes later, Thornthwaite played a long through ball for Slater but Terry Greedy barely dived at the red-head's feet to avert the threat.

With only three minutes remaining, the Demons looked certain to save face when Steven Knight put an unmarked Adam Sandy through but Skeen was on hand to knock the goal-bound shot away.

In the dying seconds, the Saints had a final chance when a collision among the Blacktown defence created havoc in the goalmouth, but neither team was able to do anything positive. Eventually the ball was scrambled away by Blacktown.

To the casual observer, this match easily could have been mistaken for a Fourth Division all-age game instead of a mid-table clash between teams fighting for survival in the nation's premier competition.

Afterwards, St George coach Frank Arok said that he was delighted with the score but disappointed with the game. "It puts us within reach of the top five and in with a chance for next year," he said.

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# Great game, Cole lucky!

Craig MacKenzie

Man of the match:  
**GEORGE HANNAH**  
(M. Croatia)

## Melb Croatia 3 Makedonia 3

Scores: J. Campbell 8th, Gagula 47th, Paul Lewis 56th (MC); Smith 30th, Cole 76th, Heys 87th (PM).  
Venue: Olympic Park No. 1.  
Crowd: 2,452.  
Cautions: Talajic, Abrahams (MC).

Referee: Jim Fokianos 4. What a pity that we probably won't see both Melbourne Croatia and Preston Makedonia in the finals but at least we'll see them in the National League next year and if this match is any indication they are more than worthy of such status.

It had everything — six goals, plenty of other goal-mouth incidents, some superb first touches, a ton of heart, great individual clashes and plenty of controversy.

Let's look at the goals first. In the 8th minute, Laurie Abrahams' dummy put Josip Biskic in possession and his cheeky back-heel gave Jim Campbell acres of room to push the ball forward, and from six metres, slam it into the roof of the net.

In the 30th minute, Ron Campbell sent in a free kick that was headed back by Graham Heys and headed in by Steve Smith.

Two minutes into the second half, Zeljko Gagula, who had replaced injured Steve Gojevic during the break, played the ball to Paul Lewis and set off looking for the return. Lewis didn't let the teenager down and Gagula, whose scoring exploits in junior soccer reads like a "Roy of the Rovers" epic, slammed the ball low into the far corner from an acute angle.

In the 56th minute Biskic swung over a corner. Abrahams dummied. The ball struck a defender and lobbed into the air. Abrahams headed it down to Paul Lewis who turned and slammed it home from point blank range.

In the 76th minute Makedonia substitute George Sifkas played the ball back to Ian Roodhouse who hit it first time, high into the Croatia area. Smith challenged and the ball fell to Gary Cole whose firm, low, first-timer gave Mirko Runje no chance.

Three minutes were left when up bobbed Heys with the equaliser. The significant feature of the lead-up was the superb first-time lay-off from Smith which set up Makedonia substitute Con Opatinis, near the backline on the right of the area.

Had the game gone on for a couple more minutes, my money would have been on Makedonia.

Yet, Paul Lewis almost sealed Makedonia's fate when the score was 3-1. Abrahams played a crafty near-post free kick in the 73rd minute and Lewis shot first-time only for Phil Trainades to block at almost on the goal line.

It was just great to watch. The ebb and flow of the contest kept you rivetted to the action, scared that if you looked away for a moment, you'd miss what could turn out to be the decisive move.

Martin Woodall and Gojevic met just outside the Makedonia area in the 34th minute in a bone-crunching challenge that left both players lying on the ground in agony. Woodall eventually was helped off and on came Opatinis. Gojevic recovered but not for long. He went off at half time and on

came Gagula, whose mates in the grandstand chanted his name loudly after his early, second goal.

Mark Talajic, who gets better every time I see him, Heys and Cole clashed in a fiery incident in the 37th minute that prompted players to arrive from all parts of the ground. Talajic had scythed down Heys and Cole reacted by charging up to the Croatia defender and striking him. That's right, striking him. And the upshot of it all? Talajic was booked.

How referee Jim Fokianos didn't send off Cole is beyond my comprehension.

Fokianos gave a disappointing display. Some of the free kicks awarded were for petty incidents compared to the



Stuart Stevenson of SM-Hellas wins a header between Jim Campbell (front) and Steve Richardson. Picture by LES SHORROCK

ones in which Fokianos waved play on.

Incidentally, young Makedonia midfielder George Petrov is recovering quickly from a leg injury and hopes to be playing in about a fortnight.

Man of the match:  
**TYRONE JAMES**  
(Geo. Cross)

The only sour note was a clash of heads between James and Egan in the last minute of play. Both had to be helped off the park, with James coming off the worse, needing as many as eight stitches. Egan had four stitches.

## Send-offs galore!

By MIKE MIKOLAJCZYK

### APIA 2 Canberra 1

Venue: Lambert Park  
Crowd: 1208  
Scores: Bundalo 15th, Koussas 79th (A), Serranni 90th (C)  
Cautions: Mazis, Harkins, Gibson (C), Bozanic (A)  
Sent off: Cant, Mihailidis, Mazis (C)  
Referee: Terry Seacy 7

The clash of the two giant-killers from midweek will be remembered more for

a multitude of unsavoury incidents than for any display of entertaining football.

Referee Terry Seacy had a busy afternoon booking three Canberra players and sending three off.

The three dismissals were: Jim Cant for allegedly swearing at the referee; John Mihailidis, who scythed down Lorens from behind; and Peter Mazis, who did likewise to Bundalo.

APIA hit the lead after 15 minutes. Polish import Edward Lorens curled a free kick to Alex Bundalo whose header hit the post. The young midfielder latched onto the rebound and buried the ball in the far corner.

misake when a Dave Skeen bouncing cross baffled James and went straight to him with the goal open. Fletcher calmly left footed the ball in for St George to lead 1-0.

A strong game in defence by David Ratcliffe kept Marconi at bay and led St George into the break with its 1-0 lead intact despite some fierce efforts by Marconi.

The second half was only eight minutes old when a poor back pass intended for Paul Carter was intercepted by Koczka who raced to the left of the goal to draw keeper James then cross for Peter Petkovski to make it 1-0. Petkovski was knocked down by James after scoring. Subsequently James received a yellow card.

In the 56th minute, El Ali placed a perfect cross to Rod Brown who scored. The ball appeared to come off his arm, a style he may have developed after watching Maradona in the World Cup.

Down 2-1, Marconi pushed seven men into the box for corners in an attempt to score but the superb skills of Greedy saved St George.

In the 61st minute, Marconi looked certain to score from a burst from David Lowe but Greedy, who saw the ball late, leap at it and pushed it away. The ball fell for El Ali who headed well but Greedy was there again to tap it over the bar.

Marconi's last effort was a Brown header which was on its way into the net but the ever alert Ratcliffe cleared the ball off the line to cap off a tremendous game and give Saints an important 2-1 victory.

# Two divisions in NSW State League in '87?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

There's a move afoot to split the NSW State League into two divisions next year.

That move could gather momentum at a special general meeting of NSW clubs to be announced in a fortnight.

The general meeting held last week ended in a stalemate. Three proposals for league restructuring forced by the NSL's switch to a 14-team, one-league format next year all failed to gain the two-thirds majority vote required to formalise them.

"We are very much aware of our obligation to accept all the National League clubs heading our way but the manner in which we accommodate them into our set-up requires much more thought," said NSW Federation secretary Aulden Brown. It was expected that last week's special meeting would ratify a State League board of management plan to form a 14-team State League next year. That plan would have relegated the clubs that finish in the last four places in State League this year, frozen promotion and relegation throughout First, Second and Third Divisions for a year and welcomed back the six clubs expected to get the boot from the Northern Division of the NSL.

These clubs could be Canterbury, Inter Monaro, Canberra Olympians, Wollongong, Blacktown and Newcastle Rosebud United.

That plan was made known to the clubs before last week's general meeting and enough clubs had given tacit approval to it to prompt an air of optimism among NSL federation bosses. However, many clubs must have had second thoughts before voting.

The plan wasn't pushed through at the meeting so two more proposals were formulated, both involving promotion and relegation for Second and Third Division clubs. These proposals also failed to gain the support of two-thirds of the clubs, so it's back to the drawing board for the time being.

One of the proposals to be put before the next special general meeting could be a plan to split State League into two divisions. That way, the clubs that expect to be relegated this year will be appeased and Second and Third Division clubs also will benefit.

A two-division State League competition might be run along the lines of the present NSL set-up. That would involve 24 clubs, so many Second Division clubs would be promoted, a move that would have a flow-on effect upon Third Division clubs.

## Newcastle's bold bid

From page one

Wollongong (h). Minimum pts: 5.

If those most pessimistic of projections held true for each club, George Cross and Melbourne Croatia will qualify and Newcastle and APIA would be separated by something like 8 of a point, meaning that relative crowd support would prove decisive.

We must stress that in our calculations, we have been able to use only crowd support figures published in "Soccer Action". Some are official, some are merely estimates because the home clubs have failed to supply official figures. Therefore, our calculations cannot be 100 per cent accurate.

Man of the match:  
**EDWARD LORENS**  
(Apia)

aged to evade the advancing goalkeeper before blasting a shot into goal.

Two minutes from the end, APIA was attacking in a five-on-three situation. It lost the ball and found itself with two defenders facing two attackers. Tom Serranni's low shot was parried by Tony Pezzano but the veteran midfielder followed up to slice the rebound into the net.

# Greedy unbeatable, Mason sent off

## St. George 2 Marconi 1

Crowd: 924  
Referee: Marnie Loupis 5  
Cautions: Henderson, Treddinnick, James (Marconi); Petkovski, Skeen (St George)  
Sent off: Mason 23rd (M)  
Goals: Fletcher 36th, Petkovski 53rd (St G), Brown 56th (M)

An excellent goalkeeping display by Terry Greedy and the sending off of Marconi midfielder Craig Mason paved the way for a St George victory.

The game was 23 minutes old when Andy Koczka beat Tony Henderson and found himself racing to goal with only the keeper to beat. Mason gave chase and brought Koczka down illegally just outside the box. No one was more shocked than Mason when referee Marnie Loupis wasted no time in reaching for his red card and ordered him from the field.

Marconi opened strongly through an Eli Ali cross which went straight across the face of the goal, beating the outstretched leg of Ian Gray, who really should have put it away.

Man of the match:  
**TERRY GREEDY**  
(St George)

From the Mason send-off, St George was awarded a free kick a metre out from the penalty area. Andy Koczka powered in a fierce drive which had Bruce James in all sorts of trouble, but the post denied St George.

Graham Fletcher made no

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## HAIL PALACIOS!

### Canberra 3 Syd Croatia 0

Scorers: Palacios 26th, 63rd, Gibson 13th.  
Referee: Arthur Owens 6.  
Crowd: 1,388.  
Cautions: Bryant (C).

The scoreline says it all. Underdog Canberra totally outplayed and outclassed Northern Division league leader Sydney Croatia under Bruce Stadium floodlights last Wednesday night.

Croatia never was in the hunt.

As one of its players so aptly commented after the game: "We needn't have bothered coming. We never got into the game."

How true. But this was the best all-round team performance by Canberra City Olympians all seasons.



• Jim Cant



• Palacios

Seventy two hours before it had struggled — also at home — to a goalless draw against Canterbury.

It could have played for 900 let alone 90 minutes and still not scored in that match.

But last Wednesday night saw a totally different Canberra.

It played aggressively, constantly beat Croatia to the ball. The difference, if one man can make such a difference, was Canberra's ex-Peruvian international, Augusto Palacios.

Croatia, a team that plays football and allows opponents to play as well, gave Palacios the room — and time — he needed to show his superb skills.

No other players in Australian soccer today possesses them in such abundance. It was Palacios who laid on

the first Canberra goal and who scored the others.

It was a performance of brilliance, determination and sheer entertainment.

When he finally was replaced with only minutes remaining the appreciative crowd cheered him off the field.

Yet it was Canberra which was on the back-movie in the opening minutes and one felt it was only a matter of time before Croatia got on top.

That view was dispelled after just 13 minutes.

Centre back Jimmy Cant forced a corner and Palacios took it quickly. He chipped it short to wily, veteran, front-runner Ian Gibson who was standing almost on the dead-ball line.

And Gibson chanced a flicked back-header, one that caught Croatia's goalkeeper Steve Watson entirely and into the far roof of the net.

Croatia was aghast. More so after a further 13 minutes.

Out of the blue came the first of Palacios's two brilliant opportunistic goals.

Hard-running striker Hilton Phillips challenged a Croatia defender and under pressure the ball bounced to Palacios who had positioned himself on the edge of the penalty area.

Adroitly he pulled the ball down with his chest and hit the sweetest of volleys.

It left Watson flat-footed as it sped along the ground into the corner of the net.

And Canberra went on with it.

With only seconds remaining in the first half a superb Steve Bryant — Palacios one-two saw Bryant breakthrough but the angle was acute and he fired into the side netting.

But Croatia began the second half with determination — and looked an infinitely better side.

Yet after just two minutes Canberra had the chance to tally and sew it up.

Palacios found hard-working young fullback Jason Dunn who made ground down the

Man of the match:  
**AUGUSTO PALACIOS**  
(Canberra City)

right flank and centred superbly for Gibson. But Gibson allowed the ball to bobble between his legs with Watson at his mercy.

In the 56th minute, Croatia was a beaten and dispirited outfit.

Again Phillips challenged, again the ball fell to Palacios — and again he pulled it down to volley from sixteen metres out into the net.

— PETER WINDSOR

## Now, the demolition derby

By ALLAN CRISP

### AC—Juventus 2 Brisb. City 0

Scorers: Mullen 27th, Melita 30th pen.  
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.  
Referee: Donald Campbell 9.

What happens when a classy team under pressure to improve on a two-match slump clashes with a relaxed wooden-spoon team with nothing to lose?

In this case Adelaide Juventus suffered a dose of the jitters, while Brisbane City threatened to spring a huge upset.

Juventus played without method for the first 20 minutes and its usually reliable defence had more openings than a B grade movie house.

In that testing period, Brisbane striker Philip White commanded the air and went close several times to capitalising on

the strangely ineffective Juventus team.

But the bumbling uncertainties of the home side turned to triumph in the 27th minute when Joe Mullen finished off a fine move started by Aurelio Vidmar and encouraged by Steve Maxwell.

The next minutes later it was 2-0 as Sergio Melita converted a penalty awarded against Frank Mengotti for a handball offence.

Teams of lesser fortitude than Brisbane City would have raised the white flag but instead it responded with a cracking shot from George Cradock which Willie McNally parried for a corner.

More bad luck followed for Brisbane as young Alf Catalano was forced off the field with an injury in the 56th minute.

Kiernan Cooper came on as substitute in what amounted to a huge gamble because the

### Sydney Olympic 0 APIA 1

At St. George Stadium  
Crowd: 2821  
Scorer: Butler  
Cautions: Butler, Brown (A)  
Estavillo (SO)

Barely a minute had elapsed when Janusz Baran made space to receive the ball on the right flank. Full back Gary Phillips challenged the former Polish international but was powerless to stop his progress.

Baran accelerated again and cut inside past another defender.

A few more paces and he was inside the penalty area when out of nowhere, a lunging tackle brought him down. Ref-

Man of the match:  
**TERRY BUTLER**  
(APIA)

eree Davies waved play on and the ball rolled loose. The Olympic defence, mesmerised by the referee's generosity, stood motionless as livewire Terry Butler sprinted in to ram the ball past goalkeeper Meier.

The APIA camp erupted with unabashed joy and the fans sensed an upset in the making.

Little did they know how anxious the next 88 minutes were going to be. Apart from a few more forays upfield, APIA spent the rest of the match doggedly defending its lead.

Man of the match:  
**JOE MULLEN**  
(AC—Juventus)

Irishman had suffered damaged ribs in a Sunday morning training session.

Cooper lasted a mere 14 minutes before he staggered off to be replaced by coach Billy Wilkinson.

Wilkinson said his team battled hard but did not attack the goal creatively.

## Mighty Mirko

Melb. Croatia 0  
SM—Hellas 1  
Scorer: Stevenson 88th.  
Venue: Olympic Park, Wednesday.  
Referee: Evan Venios 8.

Hellas coach John Margaritis paid tribute to Croatia after the match, saying: "That must have been the game of their lives. They fought every inch of the way and they were a very hard team to beat. If they keep playing like that, they're sure to climb up the ladder."

He especially praised Croatia goalkeeper Mirko Runje for a brilliant performance — probably his best of the year.

Runje's sharp reflexes foiled Charlie Egan as Stuart Stevenson early in the game. In the 39th minute, he blocked a shot from Egan who had been put into the clear by a fine pass from Angie Postecoglou, playing in midfield in the absence of Ken Murphy and Richard Miranda. Later, Runje blocked a shot from Bobby Russell at point-blank range and made another remarkable save to stop a shot from Stevenson.

The winning goal came two minutes from the end but even then, Croatia should have equalised.

Man of the match:  
**MIRKO RUNJE**  
(Melb. Croatia)

George Mihos, the Hellas left back, brought the ball forward, Danny Craine barged through the middle and the bouncing ball struck the hand of Croatia defender George Hannah. Referee Evan Venios did not see the offence though, and the ball went to Stevenson who rammed it home from close range.

Seconds later, Jim Campbell forced his way through at the other end, presenting Laurie Abrahams with the perfect scoring chance from inside the six-yard box, but Abrahams missed!

Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets also had a good game, saving shots from Campbell and Paul Lewis. Striker Lewis also missed after being put through by a brilliant long ball from Mark Talajic, but was foiled by timely tackles from Manny Anzakis and Steve Blum.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## A NIGHT OUT FOR HELLAS

### Ad. Hellas 2 JUST 1

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.  
Referee: Mike Browning 6.  
Sent off: Dunn (AH).  
Cautions: Dunn (AH), Honeyman (AH), Barjaktarevic (FJ).  
Scorers: Atsalas 12th, Price 31st (AH), Vukcevic 35th (JUST).

Adelaide Hellas president Frank Karagiannis and club secretary Con Daskalos must be tempted to ask the NSL management to switch all its remaining games to night fixtures after his nocturnal upset.

It was a game which housed almost every type of controversy — a send off, a disallowed penalty, an alleged offside goal and an unfortunate early injury.

Lively Footscray JUST striker Ossie Latif was the unlucky player to be sidelined after just 10 minutes. He hobbled off and was replaced by Suli Curovic and although the substitute played well, there can be no

Man of the match:  
**LOU HRISTODOULOU**  
(Adel. Hellas)

doubt that coach Drago Secularac's pre-match plan suffered by the absence of Latif.

Hellas coach Edmund Krefl also had his share of problems as he was unable to use newcomer Peter Frantzis when doubt was raised about his eligibility to play following his late registration with the NSL office in Sydney.

Krefl also had to recall Gary Sprout in goal after Martyn Crook suffered an ankle injury at training.

But Krefl overcame those problems and his experiment of reinstating Steve Atsalas in midfield and preferring Gary Price to George Konstantopoulos up front came up trumps.

Atsalas proved his complete recovery from last year's knee

injury by putting Hellas in front after 12 minutes and Price made it 2-0 in the 31st minute.

Footscray JUST defender Vojislav Vukcevic replied for the visitors with a superb headed goal in the 36th minute, but thereafter the tide turned against JUST.

Powerful pleas for a penalty were shunned by referee Mike Browning when Graham Honeyman pushed an opponent in the box.

Instead the referee awarded an indirect free kick to JUST and Hellas held its lead.

Referee Browning was roundly jeered by the fans when he sent off Hellas defenders Robbie Dunn in the 67th minute, but the crowd forgot that the Soccerroo previously had been cautioned.

Controversy aside, the game provided a pleasing attraction as Hellas went for broke from the outset to throw JUST off its stride.

And in the end it proved that desperation and the urge to survive can be a far greater motive for success than the desire to win a championship.

— ALLAN CRISP

They complement each other well. Rooney was a great player of course. My dad was here and when he saw Rooney play for Prahran Celtic, he thought he was the best player in Australia!

The George Cross players are a closely-knit bunch but as with most clubs, there is the occasional family feud, like a recent punch-up between Milton and Chris Taylor at training.

"I think it started with someone's elbow going into someone's ribs, and it developed from there, but they're the best of pals again, Maclaren chuckles. Taylor is overseas for five weeks, causing Gardiner to bring in Kevin Innes, signed early this year from Polonia.

Against Adelaide Juventus, Innes covered for Maclaren when Maclaren went forward. Maclaren's been able to use his skill and attacking

flair to greater advantage since Jeff Faulkner took a more defensive midfield role, but the switch was motivated mainly by a nagging injury that had been worrying Faulkner for some time. "He's been holding himself back a bit because of it," Maclaren says.

In a team that puts so much emphasis on keeping it tight, Maclaren was regarded as a bit of a luxury at times. Gardiner thought so, anyway, and often substituted him earlier in the season. "I didn't agree and I told John so, but you've got to take the good with the bad. When the game got away from us a bit, I was left without the ball for long periods, so it was me who got the hook."

Will George Cross make the five?

No worries! And the fans will be delighted.

## 'GONG TO GET THE GONG?

### Wollongong 1 Newcastle R. 4

Scorers: Brodnik 82nd (W); Meier 50th, McQueen 64th, Jones 89th, 90th (NR).  
Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds.  
Crowd: 1,121.  
Referee: Gary Wame 7.

"That was the game we had to win. Now it looks pretty bleak for us and if we do manage to stay in the National League it'll be by the skin of our teeth."

Wollongong team manager Len Chaffer was echoing the sentiments of his players, club officials and supporters after this crushing loss at the hands of Newcastle Rosebud United last week.

To make matters worse, Wollongong captain Ray Vilestra had to come off in the 76th minute with a twisted ankle and badly gashed knee. He missed last Sunday's clash with Sydney Croatia and could be sidelined this weekend too.

Wollongong was 2-0 down when Vilestra came off. Coach John Fleming had lined up at left back but when Vilestra was forced out of the fray, Fleming took over as sweeper and man-of-the-match. Bryan Cokely, who had been starting in midfield, switched to left back.

Newcastle Rosebud United had taken the lead in the 60th minute. The Wollongong defence stood flat-footed, appealing for handball, as Ralph Maier burst through, drew out Sean Billington and neatly

slipped the ball wide of the Wollongong goal.

John McQuarrie made it 2-0 in the 64th minute when he pounced on a poor Fleming pass intended for Reg Chilly but Wollongong hit back with eight minutes left when substitutes David Batten and Pat Brodnik combined. Batten squared the ball from the left to Brodnik who hit a firm, first

time drive. Clint got his hands to the ball but couldn't stop it going in.

But the reshuffled Wollongong defence was badly caught out late in the game when overlapping Newcastle fullback Mark Jones twice broke through and his two goals many minutes rounded off a bleak night for the home side.

— KNUT WERNER

Man of the match:  
**BRYAN COKELY**  
(Wollongong)

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# Lynn: Springvale was rubbish!



● Branko Culina — out to keep St Albans Dinamo's title hopes alive when it meets Thomastown on Saturday. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**If Mike Lynn's right, Springvale City will struggle to get a point against Frankston Pines at Ross Reserve on Sunday and might not even finish in the top four this season!**

"Springvale's gone for mine. They don't play the ball to feet, just pump it up the park and hope for the best. They were rubbish against us," said Lynn after Thomastown's 3-1 win last Sunday.

Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan sprung a surprise by using a 4-3-2 formation, a la national coach Frank Arok. Even more surprising was the appearance of Keith Adams at right back, rather than in his customary sweeper's role.

Then again, extreme situations call for extreme measures. Had McLachlan's tactics worked he would have been lauded for his initiative.

However, the Vales flagging recent fortunes suggest that Pines can win this one.

St Albans Dinamo is having a tremendous season but it won't want to take Thomastown lightly when they clash at Churchill Reserve on Saturday.

I've got a hunch that Thomastown might sneak a draw here.

Croydon's drive towards a second, successive championship won't be halted by Melbourne Hungaria at Croydon Park on Sunday. Melbourne's doomed to relegation as far as I'm concerned while Croydon looms as the 1986 champion.

Croydon simply packs too much punch and class for Melbourne.

Western Suburbs' top four hopes will slump if they lose to Fawkner at Ralph Reserve on Sunday.

But Fawkner is likely to lose midfield dynamo Davie Nixon. He didn't play last weekend after learning of a family bereavement in his native Northern Ireland and is understood to be keen to go back home.

But Peter Bordignon and Gordon Flavell should be back in action. Bordignon missed last Sunday's win over Northcote after being injured at training last week while Flavell was out suspended.

Fawkner's new coach Frank McAleer got off to a flying start

and is confident that his men can do the job against Suburbs. McAleer's assistant is senior goalkeeper Richard Wilson.

"You know, we might get up and grab a top four spot," said Morwell Falcons coach Dave O'Connor after his side's 2-0 win over Polonia.

But don't think that O'Connor was pleased with his side's display. With 10 minutes to go he turned to the others on the bench and said that he'd be happy to get out of the game with a draw. Two goals in the last seven minutes made O'Connor a happy man indeed.

Morwell goes into Saturday's clash with Ringwood Wilhelmina at North Crinigan Reserve with Ian Stinton and Graham Tutill back from suspension and Harry Bingham also expected to return to the line-up. Bingham didn't play last weekend for family reasons.

That allows O'Connor to field a full-strength side, one that should be much too strong for struggling Wilhelmina.

I'm going to annoy both the Wilhelmina and Melbourne camps by letting them know that Polonia is certain to pick up at least a point against Northcote at John Cain Reserve on Saturday. Mind you, Northcote has done extremely well under coach Roy McLaren and has big plans for next season.

Polonia was very unlucky to go down to Morwell and deserves a change of luck. Maybe Saturday will be its day.

Caulfield can expect little joy from Saturday's Princess Park clash with third-placed Box Hill. Laurie McKenna was in fine form in the Hillmen's 1-1 draw with Croydon last weekend and he's bound to give the Caulfield defence plenty to think about.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

## SATURDAY

**St Albans Dinamo v Thomastown (draw) at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.**

**MORWELL FALCONS v Ringwood Wilhelmina at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.**

**Caulfield City v BOX HILL at Princes Park, 3pm.**

**Northcote v Polonia (draw) at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.**

## SUNDAY

**Springvale City v FRANKSTON PINES at Ross Reserve, 3pm.**

**CROYDON v Melbourne Hungaria at Croydon Park, 3pm.**

**Western Suburbs v FAWKNER at Ralph Reserve, 3pm.**



● Western Suburbs sweeper Steve Dimovski. He'll have to contend with Fawkner's forwards on Sunday.

# Boyle: Rizzo should resign

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

A day after surviving a vote of no-confidence, Peter Boyle walked out of his coaching job with Victorian State League club Fawkner.

Boyle, club president Carlo Graffeo and team manager Sam Rizzo met before training on Tuesday last week where Boyle laid it on the line — either Rizzo went or he would quit.

Rizzo wouldn't budge, so Boyle quit the job he started late last season.

Boyle claims that Rizzo tried to become involved in team selection this season and that Boyle had to decide whether to

compromise his role as sole selector or take a stand. Boyle chose the latter.

"For quite a few weeks, Sam Rizzo has been hinting strongly that certain players should be dropped and others promoted to the first team. Over that time, he suggested to me that I drop Ian Tuffield, Fab Mancinelli, John Di Cecco and Bruno Cozzella," said Boyle.

"When we lost 2-0 to Morwell the other week, after having Gordon Flavell sent off in the first half, Rizzo kept saying to me during the second half that I should make certain substitu-

tions. I told him that I was the boss and that I would make such decisions. On the Monday after the match, he (Rizzo) called for a vote of no-confidence in me at a committee meeting. To be fair to Sam Rizzo, he did phone me before the meeting and told me what he was going to do.

"The motion was defeated but before going to training on Tuesday I tried to analyse what I had done with the team this year and what Sam Rizzo had done. I found quite a lot on one side of the ledger and nothing on the other.

"What Sam Rizzo did was totally wrong as far as I'm concerned and if he does the right thing by the club he'll resign too."

Boyle was in his third season with Fawkner after transferring from Green Gully. His other Australian clubs were West Adelaide Hellas and Preston Makedonia.

Boyle's assistant, Frank McAleer, will coach Fawkner's first team for the rest of the season.

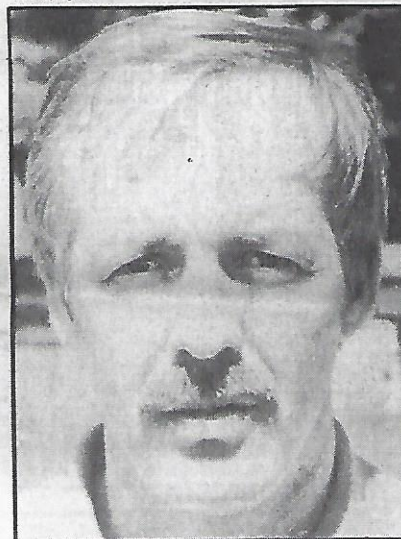
"I urged Frank to take on the job. He's been very loyal to me and had I said, 'Don't take it,' he wouldn't have," said Boyle. Boyle also was full of praise

for Graffeo's role in the matter.

"Carlo (Graffeo) was really good throughout the affair. He said to me that the committee could keep Sam Rizzo in the background and that I'd be able to get on with the job, but my mind was made up. I'm just starting off my coaching career and had I compromised my position I'd be doing it for evermore."

"I've had an excellent response from the players this year and it's really pleasing to see young guys like Peter Bordignon, Frank Sabbatino, John Di Cecco and Robert Ferla doing so well in the first team squad. If there's one player that I have helped this year it has to be Di Cecco. He's improved out of sight. But all these lads can play and they're going to get better. I've got high hopes for them."

When Boyle joined Fawkner as a player, Gus Macleod was the coach. Macleod quit for reasons similar to Boyle's and Pepe Carraschi became caretaker coach. Four games were left of the 1985 league season when Boyle became coach.



● Peter Boyle: "What Sam Rizzo did was totally wrong."

# Great double for Barkers

**MOOROOLBARK 2 (McCann 8th, Priestley 6th) CROIO 0, Victorian League Third Division match at Esther Park, Saturday.**

MOOROOLBARK: Scanlon 8, Wilcox 8, Cubbit 8, Adams 8, Brack 9, McCann 8, Gurney 8, Tront 8, Priestley 8, Killey 8, Mantell 8.

CROIO: Semanov 6, R Coutts 6, Caruthers 7, R van der Chys 7, Doppler 6, J Coutts 8, Sutherland 8, Tilinger 8, G van der Chys 8, Larmich 6, Hogg 8 (inj. Brenneizars 74th).

Mooroobark completed one of the great doubles in Victorian soccer when its senior and reserve sides clinched their respective championships last Saturday.

The seniors won 2-0 while the reserves won 3-1. With just four games to go, the under 18's also are in with a shout of winning the championship.

but they must win all four matches. If they do, season 1986 will go down as the greatest ever in Mooroobark's 24-year history.

It was a sentimental moment for senior coach Norm Hobson last Saturday who had been brought to Australia from the U.K. by Mooroobark 12 years ago when the club was in State League.

Mooroobark opened its account when mid-fielder Joe Tront chipped the ball over a square Corio defence and Hugh McCann ran onto it and slammed it into the roof of the net.

Tront and Peter Killey went close to increasing the Barkers' lead before the issue was settled in the 60th minute. Kevin Adams played the ball to Killey whose cross was headed home by Paul Priestley.

## Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CROYDON	12	5	4	45	25	29
ST. ALB. DINAMO	10	8	4	35	21	28
BOX HILL	8	10	4	33	20	26
SPRINGVALE	10	6	6	24	19	26
F'ston Pines	9	7	5	29	21	25
Fawkner	10	5	6	22	15	25
M'well Falcons	11	2	9	38	32	24
West. Subs.	9	5	8	33	33	23
Thomastown	7	7	8	25	24	21
Caulfield City	8	3	11	31	38	19
Northcote City	6	6	9	30	38	18
Polonia	4	6	12	18	27	14
Wilhelmina	4	6	12	16	45	14
Melb-Hungaria	2	8	12	18	39	12

**FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Miller 5th, Thurlow 76th) CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Argiros 70th) at Monterey Reserve, Saturday.**

FRANKSTON PINES: Boland 6 — Cumming 6, Bozic 6, Thurlow 7, Miller 7 — Dick 8, Watson 6, Cullen 6, Webster 6 — Armstrong 7, McGorian 6. Coach: Danny McMinimee.

CAULFIELD CITY: Alexopoulos 5 — Harris 7, Brooks 6, Koutos 8, Tsitsisidis 5 — Amanatidis 7, Tiofari 6 (inj. Taylor H.T. 8), Theodorou 6, Argiros 6 — Zemanik 5 (Hamakiotis 80th), Filippou 6. Coach: Takis Svingos.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Koutos (C), 2. Dick (F), 1. Taylor (C).

**MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 2 (Theodosopoulos 10th, Roberts 36th) WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Tuck 14th, McCuskey 19th, Smallman 79th) at J.T. Gray Reserve, Saturday.**

MELBOURNE HUNGARIA: Kiss 6 — Sutherland 3, Bird 4, Sterpin 3, S Wild 4 — Tsambazis 3, Morrey 6, Wallace 4 — Roberts 4, Theodosopoulos 4, Heery 3 (Dabone 4th), 3. Coach: Ian McCarthy.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Cinc 4 — McLeod 5, Esposito 5, Dimovski 6, Hamal 9 — Palmariotti 7, Stenson 7, Farmer 7, McCuskey 6 (McGuinness 60th) — Smallman 6, Tuck 6. Coach: Jimmy Kondilis.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Hamal (WS), 2. Stenson (WS), 1. Palmariotti (WS).

**POLONIA 0 MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Verechia 83rd, 87th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.**

POLONIA: Pachs 7 — Smolark 7, Dimozky 7, Kotzamalichis 7, A Czapiak 7 — Bennett 7, Liparski 6, P Czapiak 8, Wycisk 6 — Marshall 6 (Gregorczuk 75th), Warsawski 7 (Trogric 65th). Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 8 — M Cassar 7, D Wilson 6, Bruns 9, Clarke 6 — T van Baar 7, O Callaghan 6, E Cassar 6 (inj. Colloche 80th), A Cassar 6 — Verechia 8, Bezzina 6 (Sostac 70th). Coach: Dave O'Connor.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Bruns (MF), 2. P Czapiak (P), 1. Prezioso (MF).

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Rastocic 41st, Culina 63rd) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.**

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimas 6 — Meyer 8, Corke 6 (Presta 70th), Bates 7, Verniers 7 — Thomson 7, Bakker 6, Storm 6, McKinley 6 (inj. Angula H.T. 6) — Nijholt 6, Mensink 6. Coach: Tom Kelly.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M Grigic 9 — Ramiljac 7, Krajacic 9, Brkljacic 9, Kura 9 (inj. Drapovic 75th), Rastocic 8, Kuzman 7, M Wilson 7, Culina 7 — Culina 5 (Kojic 86th), Lloyd 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. M Grigic (St Al), 2. Krajacic (St Al), 1. Brkljacic (St Al).

**BOX HILL 1 (Hughes 60th) CROYDON 1 (MacLean 80th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.**

BOX HILL: McKinley 8 — McPhee 8 (inj. McMillan 85th), Hennessy 8, Davidson 8, Hird 9 — Ramos 7, Hughes 8, Roodhouse 7 — Griffin 7, Burton 8, McKinna 8.

CROYDON: Blasby 5 — Brown 7, O'Reilly 6, Tansey 7, Beech 6 — Tait 5 (Harrinson 75th), MacLean 8, Livingstone 7 — Humble 7, French 6, Brogan 6. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Hird (BH), 2. McKinna (BH), 1. MacLean (C).

**FAWKNER 3 (Tuffield 2nd, 60th, Cozzella 8th) NORTHCOTE 0 at Smith Reserve, Sunday.**

FAWKNER: R Wilson 8 — Walsh 8, Fattore 8, Schapano 7, Ferla 7 — Mancinelli 7, Tuffield 9, Di Cecco 7 — Arico 7, Cozzella 7, Sabbatino 7. Coach: Frank McAleer.

NORTHCOTE: Turuda 7 — Bozakis 5, Patiniotis 6, Kouremnos 5, J Constantinou 4 — Arets (inj. Stiliadis 10th), 6, Toro 5, Gymnopoulos 7 — P Constantinou 4 (Patsakos 80th), 3. Bekiaris 6. Coach: Roy McLaren.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Tuffield (F), 2. Walsh (F), 1. Fattore (F).

**THOMASTOWN 3 (Carfora 55th, Flaherty 75th, Coyle 90th) SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (J Nelson 85th) at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.**

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 6 — Rainey 7, Cosentino 7, Arcoraci 6, Pinalto 7 — Carfora 7, Di Martino 8, Kerr 7, Coyle 9 — G McMillan 8, Flaherty 7. Coach: Mike Lynn.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Mur 6 — G Bannon 6 — Adams 6, Bissinger 5, Bentley 5, Hobson 6 — J Nelson 6, M Wild 6 (Deans 80th), Garvey 6 — House 5 (Bell 65th), Athersych 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Coyle (T), 2. G McMillan (T), 1. Di Martino (T).

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18 — Walsh (Fawkner)

18 — Burton (Box Hill)

15 — Theodosopoulos (Melbourne), M Wilson (Dinamo)

14 — French (Croydon)

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13 — Bruns, O'Callaghan (Morwell), Di Martino (Thomastown), Tuck (Suburbs)

11 — Cozzella (Fawkner), P Constantinou (Northcote), Corke (Wilhelmina), Pinalto (Thomastown).

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- 9 — Zemanik (Caulfield), Humble (Croydon), Storm (Wilhelmina), McGuinness (Suburbs), MacLean (Croydon), Toal (Northcote)
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## STANDINGS

### Thomastown League

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtics	4	0	0	54	8	12
Furious Five	4	0	0	36	9	12
Brilliant Barbas	4	0	0	34	9	12
Man. Excited	4	0	0	29	6	12
Internazionale	2	0	2	21	15	8
Shamrocks	1	0	3	11	15	6
Marazico	1	0	2	9	26	5
Gladiators	0	0	4	2	32	4
Wanderers	0	0	4	12	52	4
Gipstars	0	0	3	6	36	3
Vasco de Gama	0	0	2	4	10	2

### Top Scorers

27 — John Metaxas (C)  
15 — P Belegrios (BB)  
14 — Peter Paspalis (C); Les Sitilidis (FF).

## Shamrocks shatter Gladiators' hopes

### Manchester Excited 3 Vasco de Gama 2

What a tremendous game this was in the Thomastown League!

It was played at a lightning-fast pace with the deciding goal coming in the last 20 seconds of play through an own goal.

The Manchester Excited lads were very confident before the match but the Vasco players shocked them with their tenacity.

In the end they were very unlucky to lose.

George Thalassinos failed to score in this game but he was always a threat while goalscorer Peter Markikos and Emmanuel Kouriotis also did well.

Last season's top scorer, Albert Stasi, scored Vasco's goals while all the team played well.

### Gladiators 0 Shamrocks 5

The Shamrocks registered their first win of the season while the Gladiators have yet to win a match.

It was a pretty even affair with both teams creating chances but the only difference was that the Shamrocks put some of their's away.

John Keogh again proved to be the Shamrocks' most valuable player while Paul Murphy also did well.

For the Gladiators, Vic Stokor is proving to be their most consistent player.

### Furious Five 14 Wanderers 4

The Furious Five scored the most goals on the right, thanks mainly to their elusive forward Les Sitilidis who scored five.

The rest of their goals were evenly shared except for Jack Pavic scoring a hat-trick.

Ivan Murador and Gabriel Mardegan notched two each for the Wanderers and proved to be their best players.

### Internazionale 4 Celtics 8

Inter almost caused an upset by toppling league leaders Celtic.

They were well on the way to doing it until they lost key players Peter Zyka and Nino Vernali through injuries.

The Celtics took advantage of this with John Metaxas scoring four goals while P Metaxas and P Paspalis scored two each.

Inter's lapse in concentration towards the end again proved to be their downfall.

Chris Staikos played extremely well for Inter while Dom Cornetta scored twice.

### Brilliant Barbas 8 Marazico 3

The Brilliant Barbas really had to fight hard for this win after Marazico had levelled the scores at 3-3 during the second half.

Bill Costas was in fine goalscoring form, bagging four goals, while P Belegrios again proved how deadly he is in front of goal by scoring a hat-trick.

Marazico goalie Dom Di Sera had a fine match, thwarting many of the Barbas' attempts at goal.

Fabrizio Cora scored all of Marazico's goals and was one of their better players.

## Smooth Operators win Group A final

### Smooth Operators 7 Kaiser Chiefs 1

In the Group A final at Donvale last week the Smooth Operators scored an easy win over the Kaiser Chiefs.

Maurice Bissetto, Ernie Boin, Maurice Terzini, John Micheloudakis and Frank Filippelli form an excellent combination and are confident and well balanced team.

Boin played an excellent game with three goals to his credit and his flair and skill made him one of the best players on the court.

The Chiefs only scorer was Toli Aygerinos who notched his goal in the second half.

Congratulations must also go to John Micheloudakis who won top goalscorer honors in Group A.

The team now goes on to meet the winners of Group B for the Donvale Shield.

Members of the Smooth Operators team are also members of the Melbourne Eliminators who will start their assault on National League honors at the end of this month.

### Zlatina Luka 22 Peperoncini 2

Well, what can you say about Zlatina Luka? It went out score as many goals as it could and set a record.

Nino Ragusa started in brilliant fashion in this Group B match, scoring three goals in two minutes then Peric added the next four and was having a field day.

Ragusa scored another two goals then the brilliant Peric added another three making the half time score 11-0 and leaving Peperoncini with egg on his face.

Nevertheless, in the second half, Peperoncini did manage to score two goals.

John Keran came out of

goals for Zlatina and was replaced by Steve Sinkovic. Keran then went on to score four goals and set up a number of good shots for Ragusa and Peric.

Darren Keran was the only member of the Zlatina team who couldn't find his scoring shoes but by the end of the game had one goal to his credit.

Peric made the second half his with another six goals.

Zlatina Luka remains a powerful side to beat in the finals. It has hit its peak and could clash with the skilful Smooth Operators for the Shield. Man of the match was Ante Peric.

### Carcioffi R 10 Master Blaster 0

This game was a non-event for Master Blaster which was shown how Indoor soccer should be played and how easy it can be to score goals.

Carcioffi Rangers had a new addition to their team in talented defender Paul Bastasin.

The goalscoring was dominated by two players — the ever reliable Silvio Sella and the skilful Steve Dallacastello with Adrian Tochetto adding one goal as well.

B Vale for Master Blaster played a reasonable game trying to get his side into contention but the Rangers were overpowering and had the game sewn up from the start.

### Gipps. Ghosts 13 Raiders 9

This was a great game from start to finish and the goals were raining down at all stages.

The Carafa brothers for the Ghosts played well as did Kati-foris for the Raiders.

The Ghosts led at half time but the Raiders were determined not to give up easily.

At half time the score was 7-4.

## LAST-MINUTE GOAL WINS IT FOR UNITED NATIONS

### United Nations 4 Red Star 3

These two Preston Youth League sides entertained the crowd to a thrilling match with the winning goal coming in the last minute.

United Nations went in at half time leading 3-1 but Red Star fought strongly in the second half to level at 3-3.

Paul Kotsos and Tony Trajevski scored for Red Star while Jim Georgarakis scored a hat-trick for United Nations and also notched the winning goal.

Frank Konstantellos had an excellent match for United Nations.

### Mak. Raiders 7 Glad Raiders 0

The Makedonian Raiders outplayed their opponents in this game but to Gladstone's credit, it fought it out right to the final whistle.

The Makedonian boys had a 5-0 break at half time and were held to only two goals in the second half.

Mazda Tosevski scored four and Slavic Kondinski grabbed two goals.

Paul Gauci and Paul Castelli played well for Gladstone whilst Tosevski stood out for the Makedonian Raiders.

### Moreland 8 Ugly Juventus 2

In the Preston Senior League, Moreland overcame a very determined Ugly Juventus in the second half to finally run away with the match.

R. Conway, P. Campbell and Marino Tribuzio had good games for Moreland with the latter scoring a double hat-trick.

Juventus scored through Molini and Pulcino.

Moreland seem to have a very strong side but its real test will come this week when it fronts up against the Grasshoppers.

### Goodonya 7 Nacional 4

This was a great game with end-to-end play throughout.

It was fast and exciting with Thalassinos and Markakos very dangerous in front of goal for Goodonya.

Markakos grabbed four goals while Thalassinos scored three.

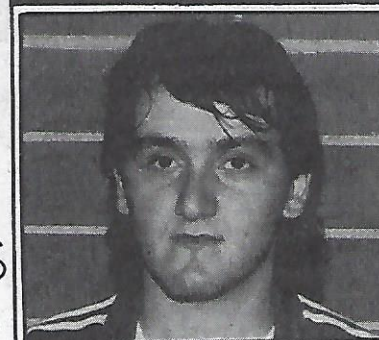
Nacional introduced Fernando Redon to their side and he proved to be a valuable acquisition.

Lou Tsigaras and Alex Sismanis also played well for Nacional.



Smooth Operators, Group A winners at Donvale, with Joe Catalano of Adriatic Furniture, who presented the lads with their trophies. Back row: Catalano, Maurice Terzini, Frank Filippelli. Front: John Micheloudakis, Ernie Boin, Maurice Bissetto.

## PLAYER PROFILE



NAME: Michael Kyriakopoulos.  
AGE: 23.  
OCCUPATION: Civil Engineer.  
CAR: Holden Kingswood.  
CURRENT TEAMS: Grasshoppers (Preston), Gipstars (Thomastown).  
HOBBIES: Playing bass guitar, indoor soccer, tennis.  
BEST MOMENT: Winning the Victorian Indoor Soccer Championship in 1985 with Latrobe Valley.  
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Clint Eastwood, Eddie Murphy, Sylvester Stallone.  
FAVOURITE SPORTSPERSON: Ivan Lendl, John McEnroe.  
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## To the editor

### Why bag the Roos?

SIR — Since Australia made the World Cup finals in West Germany in 1974, I have followed the fortunes of the national team with great interest.

My first love is Aussie Rules and I do not come from an ethnic background and therefore am not in any way my attitude to the round-ball code.

It seems that we all have to endure the cultural cringe and an inferiority complex created by the all-consuming desire to continually "bag" the national team when it loses and treat a drawn game with equal contempt. Why do we lose sight of the fact that soccer in this country, as I see it, is an amateur game (God knows, it is run by amateurs) and we have absolutely no chance at all of competing on an equal level with the Czechoslovakians of this world, regardless of their own standing in Europe.

Should we not be constructive in our criticism? Even a fool like me who has only ever played one game of soccer could see that Frank Arok is experimenting with a side left with gaping holes following the departure of Messrs Crifo, Watson, Mitchell, Davidson etc.

— GREG FLETCHER, Box Hill South, Vic.

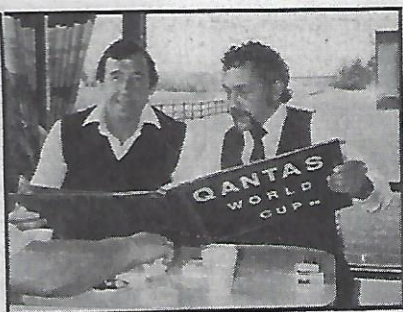
### Maradona

SIR — I read Walter Pless's article about Diego Maradona's handball incident at the World Cup. I do not agree with the handball incident but I am disgusted that you could say that "I don't care whether anyone kicks lumps out of Maradona from now on."

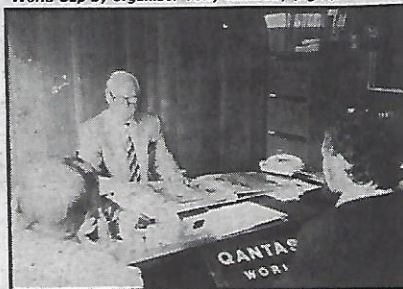
How can you make remarks about people like Andoni Goicoechea, who is just a butcher, as though you would like to see him kick the hell out of a skillful player?

Maradona did cheat in using his hand but I think your ignorance is appalling. It's obvious that you have never played soccer in your life. Maradona should have been fined and I am not buying the paper anymore.

— MARADONA FAN, Melbourne, Vic.



● Gordon Banks is given a run-down on the Qantas World Cup by organiser Tony Kennedy (right).



● Former England international Tom Finney, at his plumbing firm, discussing his visit to Melbourne next year, with Tony Kennedy (right).

## Mezey, Foerster move

● Gyorgy Mezey, who resigned as Hungarian national team coach, now is in charge of the Kuwaiti senior side.

● French midfielder star Alain Giresse has joined Olympique Marseille after spending 22 years at Bordeaux.

● Mexican World Cup mid-

fielder Manuel Negrete will play in Portugal, having joined Sporting Lisbon from UNAM.

● Olympique Marseille has bought West German international centre back Karl Heinz Foerster from VfB Stuttgart.

## Learn from Rooney at Cosmos

Cosmos Indoor Soccer Centre, one of the finest indoor sporting complexes in Victoria, offers an exciting school holiday program involving some of the most respected figures in Victorian soccer.

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The second week of the program, from Monday, September 1 to Friday, September 5, features six mini-tournaments involving juniors, youths, teachers and students and a separate competition for guys

## Elton to join Banks?

Elton John has been invited to join Gordon Banks at the Qantas World Cup at Green Gully Reserve in November-December.

John, boss of English club Watford, will be touring Australia at the time.

Banks, the great England goalkeeper, will be guest of honor at the World Cup, a competition for players representing their countries of origin.

Former England international Tom Finney will be guest of honor at the 1987 Qantas World Cup, to be held at Schillier Reserve in Footscray.

An English composite team, made up of players from Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool and other clubs in the Lancashire area, will take part in the 1987 tournament.

Competition organiser Tony Kennedy, who signed up Banks and Finney on a visit to England two weeks ago, said: "The players want to put themselves on show here. They all are keen to join Australian clubs."

Winner of the Qantas World Cup will play three matches in the south island of New Zealand, flying there courtesy of Qantas. They will leave on February 2 and one of the games will be against the New Zealand national team.

Kennedy has returned with information on two players wanting to join Australian clubs. One is David Tong, 31, of Cardiff City, who also played 160 games for Shrewsbury and 78 for Blackpool. He is a midfielder. The other is Mark Walsh, 24, a midfielder from Preston North End. Clubs interested should contact Tony Kennedy on (03) 763 7542.

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- ★ Teachers/Tertiary students — Teams can include any full or part time students and teachers.
- ★ Separate comp for guys & girls. Mixed teams welcome.







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## JUNIORS

### UNDER 11

#### CENTRAL A

Waverley Wanderers	1	0	1	1	28
La Trobe Uni	1	3	2	1	25
Diggers Rest	4	3	3	2	22
East Altona	3	3	3	3	19
Rowville	8	3	3	3	19
Yarra United	6	1	3	3	16
Deakin United	6	1	3	3	16
East Richmond	4	1	3	3	11
Old Scotch	2	1	2	2	50
Concorde	1	5	1	3	56
Nth Melbourne	2	1	1	0	6

#### AMAT THREE

Intercity	3	2	4	5	19
Upfield	8	2	2	3	25
Keller	8	2	2	3	25
Canterbury Grm	8	1	3	3	30
Ansley	6	0	3	3	30
Macedon College	6	0	3	3	30
R.M.I.T.	4	1	6	3	31
Old Paradians	3	1	2	3	7
Reservoir Esps	3	1	2	3	7

#### RESERVES

Intercity	9	1	2	3	16
Keller	5	2	3	3	15
Canterbury Grm	5	2	3	3	15
R.M.I.T.	4	1	3	3	15
Old Paradians	4	1	3	3	15
Ansley	3	2	2	3	12
Macedon College	1	0	1	1	7

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## SOUTHERN DIVISION Round 19, 23/24 AUGUST

### BRISBANE CITY vs STH. MELB. HELLAS

Spencer Park, Sunday 3pm

**YOUTH GAME:**

Frankston Pines vs Sth Melbourne 12.45pm



STUART STEVENSON

### ADELAIDE HELLAS vs ADELAIDE CITY

Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30pm

**YOUTH GAME:**

Brighton vs Nunawading 12.45pm



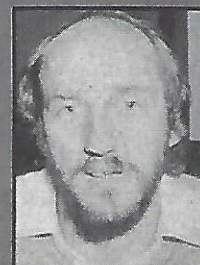
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### GREEN GULLY vs BRISBANE LIONS

Green Gully Reserve Sunday 3pm

**YOUTH GAME:**

Green Gully vs Fawkner 12.45pm



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### BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS vs FOOTSCRAY

Olympic Park No. 1 Sunday 3pm

**YOUTH GAME:**

Juventus vs J.U.S.T.



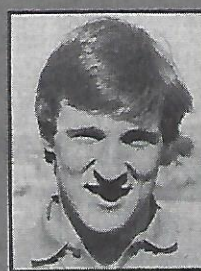
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### SUNSHINE GEO. CROSS vs MELB. CROATIA

Chaplin Reserve, Sunday 3pm

**YOUTH GAME:**

George Cross vs Croatia 12.45pm



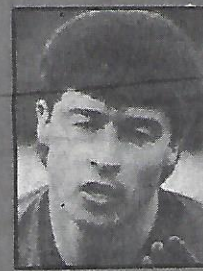
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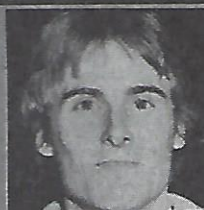
Connor Reserve, Sunday 3pm

**YOUTH GAME:**

Preston vs Heidelberg 12.45pm



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## THE NANDA CUP SEMI-FINALS

### Heidelberg Alexander vs Sydney City

Olympic Park No. 1 tonight (Wednesday) 7.30pm

### Adelaide Hellas vs Canberra Olympians

Hindmarsh Stadium tonight (Wednesday) 7.30pm

## NORTHERN DIVISION

Newcastle Rosebud vs Blacktown  
Adamstown Oval, SATURDAY 7pm

Wollongong City vs A.P.I.A.  
Wollongong Showgrounds, SUNDAY 3pm

Marconi vs Sydney Croatia  
Marconi Stadium, SUNDAY 3pm

Canterbury vs St George  
Arlington Oval, SUNDAY 3pm

Canberra City vs Sydney Olympic  
Bruce Stadium, SUNDAY 3pm

Sydney City vs Inter Monaro  
Sydney Athletic Field, SUNDAY 3pm

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